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Da Vinci's drawings here for Olympics

ART When the world's best athletes come to Vancouver for the 2010 Games, some of the world's best art will be here as well.

In a celebration of athletic excellence, the Vancouver Art Gallery will be presenting seminal anatomical drawings in Leonardo da Vinci: The Mechanics of Man.

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Flames take opener

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Vancouver Canucks' Ryan Johnson, left, knocks Calgary Flames' Mark Giordano to the ice during second-period NHL hockey action in Calgary Thursday night. The Canucks lost the season opener 5-3. Coverage, page 14.

No Drudge for city ad

Tourism marketing pulled from controversial U.S. website

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Tourism Vancouver has pulled its advertising from a popular but controversial ultra-conservative U.S. news website after complaints surfaced online.

The "Uncover Vancouver" banner ad appeared on Sept. 26 in the highly visible top-centre spot of The Drudge Report homepage, which claims more than one million daily visitors.

A screenshot of the advertisement was recently published in a blog posting at the Vancouver food and culture website Scout, which denounced the placement of the ads.

The blog labelled the Drudge Report, founded by conservative commentator Matt Drudge, an "especially poisonous American right-wing fringe website."

According to Candice Gibson, manager of consumer marketing with Tourism Vancouver, the agency's campaign was handled by a third-party advertising firm that places ads on a network of websites, which happened to include The Drudge Report.

"We did have the ad removed immediately when we learned of it through Google Alerts," said Gibson. "It was an extra media outlet that was apparently added to the network we purchased, unbeknownst even to the network rep and our media buying company."

Darren Johner, manager of digital marketing with Tourism Vancouver, maintains the banner was only on the Drudge Report for a brief time.

"As the campaign had only just launched, the ad was pulled before it was seen by many," he said.

However, Stephen Beck, partner and creative director with local digital media agency Engine Digital, criticized the approach of buying ads on a network of websites.

"I would say, if anything, it's sloppy media planning," he said. "It's throwing ads into a network and letting them land where they land."

Reputation

- The Drudge Report is known for publishing a photograph of U.S. President Barack Obama in Somali tribal dress and for breaking the media blackout on Britain's Prince Harry serving in Afghanistan.

'Archaic' booze laws up for city review

MOTION Visitors during the 2010 Olympics may be able to enjoy a late-night cocktail with their meal as Vancouver looks to adjust its "archaic" booze laws.

Next Thursday, city council will consider a motion that would extend alcoholic drink service hours for restaurants.

"Our liquor laws are sometimes a bit archaic," said Vision Coun. Heather Deal. "It's like Vancouver is still growing up in some ways."

In neighbouring jurisdictions, like Burnaby and Richmond, restaurants can serve alcohol until 2 a.m., Deal said. In Vancouver, the motion would allow drinks to be served until 1 a.m. on weekdays and 2 a.m. on weekends.

Restaurants will have to pay a fee to extend the alcohol service hours and will still need to serve food with drinks. If passed, the new rules will take effect at the start of the year.

"It means that people will have more of a variety of places they can go.

"After a movie, you don't have to go downtown, you can stay in your neighbourhood. You could go down to the local bistro and have some nachos and beer after a movie."

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Logo resemblance 'striking': MP

Vancouver Liberal MP Hedy Fry told the House of Commons on Thursday that a new logo for the 2010 Winter Olympics, left, "bears a striking resemblance" to that of the federal Conservatives, right. Gary Lunn, minister for amateur sport, said the Hudson's Bay Co. created the clothing logo and he didn't get to see it until this week. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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News in brief

TWILIGHT Twilight fans flocked to a quiet Cloverdale neighbourhood on Thursday to catch a glimpse of the actors playing vampires, werewolves and lovesick humans in Eclipse, news1130.com reports.

DRUG BUST Eight people were arrested at five different locations in Victoria on Thursday, in what police say was the biggest drug bust in the department's history. Officers seized $650,000 worth of drugs, cash, vehicles, weapons and body armour.

CHEMICALS A hazmat team was called to a boarding house in the Downtown Eastside on Thursday to clean a chemical spill there. A man in one of the suites had been mixing chemicals and pesticides to kill cockroaches in the building.

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Reactions to 2010 clothing

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"I like it. I think it looks very modern, kind of just very clean cut and minimalist. It is not crazy or flashy, all the colours just seem to fall in line. It just looks very trendy." Justin Folino, 21, Burnaby

"It looks Canadian, it's got the moose and the maple leaf. Colours are nice, I like the grey and the burgundy ... I like it. I wouldn't buy it, but it looks good on the model." Karen Bourne, 51, Vancouver

"I think it is nice — actually I like that (quilt jacket). It will probably be received a bit better than the clothes from 2008. It looks more cosy." Taryn Sudul, 21, Vancouver

"It's definitely very Canadian and I like it. The colours are definitely (Canadian) and it is very appropriate for the winter." Ernesto Lacayo, 27, Vancouver

Resort seeks ski bum to woo tourists

CONTEST A ski resort in B.C. is looking for a ski bum who will brag about the facility — to the world.

The winner of Sun Peaks Resort's I Want to be a Ski Bum contest must be able to ski or snowboard and have the charisma to woo tourists there through a daily blog and updates on Twitter and Facebook.

Resort spokesman Christopher Nicolson says applicants must submit a 60-second YouTube video about why they should be chosen for the three-month gig that starts Jan. 4.

The contest closes Nov. 15. The winner out of 20 finalists will be announced on Dec. 1. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Info online

- Contest rules are available at snowbumcanada.com.

Apparel unveiled

VANCOUVER 2010 Games

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Canada's Olympic athletes will be decked out in modern Canadiana-inspired apparel when they mount the podium this winter to receive their Olympic medals.

The embarrassing printed shirts and pants of the 2008 Summer Games are gone — replaced by iconic, but contemporary, parkas, toques and trapper hats, red-and-black buffalo plaid and even Cowichan sweaters with an elk-head and maple-leaf knit.

Suzanne Timmins, fashion director with HBC, spent 18 months creating the line with a team of designers.

"For these Games, our mandate was to create a collection that would capture the essence of the Canadian spirit," Timmins said.

"A collection that was truly Canadian. Inspired by sport and infused with Canadian style. A look that our athletes would embrace, one that is unmistakably Canadian."

The clothing line is entitled "Canadian Stories" and is executed in red and white, with black and heather grey. The logos and graphics have a modernist '60s feel.

Nathalie Lambert, Canada's chef de mission for 2010 (and one of the models for Thursday's reveal), said receiving the bag of Team Canada clothes and items is one of the special moments of the Games for athletes.

"It's better than Christmas for kids," Lambert said. "It's a moment of pure joy ... it is pride. It is the moment that you actually realize you are there, that you made it, that you are actually living your Olympic dream."

Timmins, however, would not say what outfit would be worn during the Olympic opening or medal ceremonies.

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Short-track speedskater Jessica Gregg, left, alpine skier Michael Janyk and chef de mission Nathalie Lambert model Team Canada's Olympic clothing line in downtown Vancouver Thursday.

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Seeking guidance

- Steve Yzerman plans to call Wayne Gretzky over the next few of days and pick the Great One's mind about the upcoming Winter Olympics.

Steve Yzerman

"(I'd appreciate) any advice he could give me or any assistance," said Yzerman, the executive director of Canada's Olympic men's hockey team, in Vancouver Thursday.

Gretzky led the national team for the previous two Olympics, including Salt Lake City in 2002 when it captured Canada's first gold hockey medal in half a century. Yzerman was a player on that team.

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Whistler Blackcomb making helmets a must for youth

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for Metro Vancouver

SAFETY The company that operates Whistler Blackcomb is making helmets mandatory — and complementary — for all teens and children taking ski and snowboard lessons.

The move comes six months after actress Natasha Richardson died following a fall at Mont Tremblant near Montreal.

Intrawest announced Thursday it'll also recommend that adults wear helmets.

"We believe that we need to offer a higher duty of care, and requiring helmets is the next step in that process," said Dave Brownlie, chief operating officer at Whistler Blackcomb.

However, in snow park, helmets will be a general requirement for people of all ages.

"This is the first step, and we do believe adults are responsible for their own safety," Brownlie said. "We recommend they use helmets, but we let them make that choice."

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Kayne West, Lady Gaga gig cancelled

Kanye West and Lady Gaga's upcoming Vancouver concert has been cancelled. The pair was scheduled to play at GM Place on Nov. 24, but their Fame Kills tour was nixed weeks after being announced. Ticket holders will be refunded. METRO VANCOUVER

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Exhibit brings green to life

McFarland's landscape photography runs until January

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Anyone looking to escape the bleak, grey drizzle this fall may find refuge at the Vancouver Art Gallery's newest exhibit, which features crisp large-scale photographs of sun-dappled gardens and green spaces.

The showing of more than 60 works by photographer and Vancouver native Scott McFarland opens on Saturday and runs until Jan. 3.

The artist's landscapes are composites of numerous photos, stitched together to create large-scale images of, among other places, farms, botanical gardens, zoos and country meadows.

McFarland said he creates the images by putting his camera on a tripod, which he rotates slowly, taking many photos at the same location over long periods — sometimes up to months or years.

"Scott McFarland's landscape photographs depict natural environments transformed by humans to suit their desire for leisure, rest and contemplation," said Grant Arnold, audain curator of British Columbia Art.

By creating intentional inconsistencies, Arnold added, McFarland undermines traditional ideas of photography and how it represents the world.

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Curator Grant Arnold, background, gives a tour of photographer Scott McFarland's work at the Vancouver Art Gallery yesterday.

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Mexico a top spot for weddings

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SHOW With unprecedented travel deals out of Mexico and few local venues available in 2010, many Vancouver couples are planning to head for warmer climes to say their I dos.

Susie Meister, co-producer of the Vancouver Wedding Show on Sunday, said destination weddings are fast becoming an affordable alternative to a Vancouver wedding — where couples risk getting married in the rain.

"The big destination this year is Mexico," said Meister, adding that the country is dropping prices to entice travellers back after the H1N1 outbreak last year.

She said couples can save money by combining their wedding and honeymoon destination into one.

"It's affordable for young people to have a wedding there. It has a great climate and so many beautiful spots," she said.

Meister said tropical attire — from beach-appropriate wedding dresses to colourful lingerie — will be showcased at the fair.

Wedding planners and experts will also be on hand to advise couples on how to plan destination weddings.

Show info

- The Vancouver Wedding Show takes place from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- Visitors to the fair will have the chance to win two trips to Mexico — one as part of a $50,000 destination wedding giveaway.

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Models Nicole Kester, left, and Deanna Lawrence show off destination wedding apparel in Vancouver yesterday, ahead of Sunday's Vancouver Wedding Show.

News in brief

FUNDING Conservative ridings in B.C. are receiving 325 per cent more federal infrastructure funding than non-Conservative ridings, according to Joyce Murray, Liberal MP for Vancouver-Quadra.

PROTEST Rush-hour traffic was slowed to a crawl on Highway 1 between Surrey and Langley on Thursday morning, when flaggers held a protest on the Port Mann Bridge. Last week, a flag person was hit and critically injured by a driver in Delta.

FIRES Firefighters in Langley were called to the same home twice in two days to put out what authorities call suspicious fires. No one was living in the home on 208 Street.

WHALES The North Pacific humpback whale, which was nearly hunted to extinction and is listed as threatened, is making a comeback off the West Coast, CBC News Online reports.

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Celeb-watching at opening gala
Among the celebrities expected at Thursday night's opening gala of the Vancouver International Film Festival were Emmanuelle Vaugier (CSI New York), Carla Gugino (Watchmen) and Byron Lawson (Bloodletting). METRO VANCOUVER

East Asian film feast

Dragons and Tigers now enjoys mixed audiences

Vancouver International Film Festival
VIFF

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Ken'ichi Matsuyama in Kamui, which is directed by Yoichi Sai.

For the past 21 years, the Dragons and Tigers program at the Vancouver International Film Festival has been serving up the treats of East Asian cinema to hungry Vancouver audiences.

Tony Rayns, who has programmed Dragons and Tigers for the past 21 seasons, has seen audiences change through the years.

"I got frustrated at the beginning," Rayns said. "What drew me to this was enthusiasm for the movies … and when we started it in Vancouver I felt there was a lot of snobbery and resistance to this."

If, for example, a Chinese movie was shown, the audience would be primarily Chinese, he said. The trend was similar for Korean and Japanese films.

"I don't do it as a community service," Rayns said. "These are pretty damn good movies and everyone interested in films would want to see these films, or at least be curious to see them."

Now, he said, the audiences are a mixed spectrum of race and age and gender.

"It's kind of mission accomplished," Rayns said. "We've kind of won the case."

Best ninja

- Rayns compares picking a favourite film from this year's flock with a parent picking a favourite child: "Uncool."
- He did, however, mention Kamui, a Japanese film, that Rayns thinks could be the best ninja film ever made.

Tetro born of Coppola's freedom

Vancouver International Film Festival
VIFF

At age 70, director Francis Ford Coppola considers himself to be at the start of a new career as a filmmaker. Sure, he made the first two Godfather movies and Apocalypse Now in the '70s, achievements that most directors would consider the bedrock of a career.

But for Coppola those films represent the past.

"I think Tetro is the second film of my second career following Youth Without Youth," he said. "What makes these films different is that, starting with Tetro, they will all be based on original screenplays.

"They'll be self-financed, which changes them a lot. But most importantly, they'll be of a personal nature, meaning that they're movies I'll make out of the love…"

In the decade away from directing following 1997's The Rainmaker, Coppola started a wine label and a hotel chain, investments that have earned him enough money to finance his own movies.

With his newfound freedom, Coppola has created Tetro, a small but gorgeous film screening at the Vancouver International Film Festival about the tumultuous relationship between two long-separated brothers. The story is classical in nature, harking back to Greek tragedies and is filmed in beautiful black and white cinematography that has disappeared these days because it's considered commercial death.

"In my case I didn't make this film to make money anyways, so I just went ahead," quips Coppola.

PHIL BROWN/
FOR METRO VANCOUVER

Film reviews

●●●●● A CLASSIC;
●●●● EXCELLENT;
●●● GOOD; ●● FAIR;
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The Young Victoria

REVIEW It's surely disappointing that Québécois director Jean-Marc Vallée chose to follow up his ecstatic 2005 debut C.R.A.Z.Y. with a Golden Age period piece.

But that's not to say that The Young Victoria — which stars Emily Blunt as the eponymous monarch and Rupert Friend as her ardent suitor Prince Albert — is without merit.

As an examination of girl-in-a-gilded cage melancholy, it's far more affecting than last year's similarly themed The Duchess — mostly because Blunt does more with her role than simply pout in a variety of fetching period getups.

ADAM NAYMAN/FOR METRO CANADA

Leslie, My Name is Evil

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REVIEW Woodstock's 40th anniversary received a lot of attention this year but another, equally important event from the summer of love hasn't been as celebrated … until now.

The Manson murders are the subject of the newest film from Canadian director Reginald Monkey Warfare Harkema. A surreal retelling of the Helter Skelter killings, the subsequent trial and a juror who falls for one of the defendants, the movie is more interesting for its visual panache and ideas than actually entertaining.

This is a strange movie about a strange time.

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Ex-football pro released on bail

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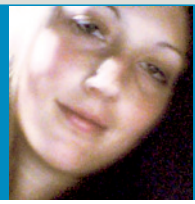

Accused in Stafford case heads to court

A woman charged in the slaying of an eight-year-old southern Ontario girl made her first court appearance in more than 1-1/2 months on Thursday. Terri-Lynne McClintic, left, 19, appeared via video link before a judge and was remanded in custody until her next court date on Nov. 27. She remains in custody at the London-Middlesex Detention Centre. McClintic and Michael Rafferty, 28, are charged with kidnapping and first-degree murder in the death of Victoria Stafford, who was last seen leaving her school in Woodstock, Ont., in April. THE CANADIAN PRESS

News in brief

MEMORIAL People streamed into a Calgary church for a private memorial service for a former reality TV contestant who killed himself after being accused of murdering his ex-wife. Ryan Jenkins committed suicide in a B.C. motel room in August, days after the mutilated body of model Jasmine Fiore was found in a Los Angeles-area dumpster.

POLITICS The Harper government has survived yet another confidence vote, in the face of a dire warning from Liberal Leader Michael Ignatieff that the Tories could "change Canada beyond recognition." The House of Commons voted 144-117 on Thursday against a Liberal motion to bring down the minority Conservatives

RELEASED Police say a Nova Scotia bishop facing child-pornography charges has been released on bail in an Ottawa court. Earlier Thursday, Raymond Lahey surrendered to police after a warrant was issued. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Peterborough, Ont. Hurricane hits town

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Motivational speaker Rubin (Hurricane) Carter poses with his championship boxing belt next to students Shannon Bowman, left, and Kayla Moloney at Holy Cross Secondary School in Peterborough, Ont., on Thursday. Approximately 840 students attended the speech.

Arrest shows border power

Bishop case highlights statutes

The arrest of a Catholic bishop on child-pornography charges highlights the power of border agents to see not just your passport, but the contents of your laptop computer.

Between them, the Canada Border Services Agency and the RCMP enforce dozens of statutes — the border agency at various ports and crossings, the Mounties between ports of entry. The Customs Act gives Canada's border officers authority to examine people's personal baggage and goods upon arrival to, and departure from, Canada, including scrutiny of electronic devices.

"Officers are trained to search electronic media for child pornography, obscene material and hate propaganda," said Patrizia Giolti of the border services agency. "They receive training to familiarize themselves with computers and other devices and how to quickly identify potential files."

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Residential school survivors seek extension of healing fund
Survivors and aboriginal chiefs, at a Winnipeg rally Thursday, said wounds left by residential schools will take more than a few years to mend and Ottawa needs to pour more money into a healing fund set to expire next year. THE CANADIAN PRESS

'Martyr' hopeful convicted

He was hoping to die abroad as a martyr in a jihadist bloodbath. Instead, he faces the prospect of languishing for years in a Canadian jail cell.

A Quebec man was convicted in Montreal on Thursday on four terrorism charges related to the plotting of attacks in Germany and Austria — apparently to protest the military presence of those countries in Afghanistan.

Said Namouh was found guilty of conspiracy to detonate an explosive device, participating in a terrorist act, facilitating an act of terrorism, and committing extortion for a terrorist group.

The Moroccan-born Namouh, 36, faces life in prison.

Sentencing arguments will be held Nov. 13 in Montreal.

Crown prosecutor Dominique Dudemaine said he may ask for a life sentence.

"The evidence is uncontradicted — Namouh said he wishes to die as a martyr," Dudemaine said.

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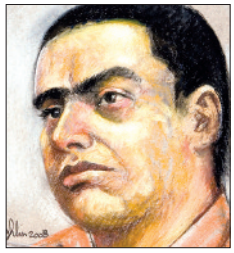

Artist depicts Said Namouh in a Montreal court last year.

News in brief

AGING Deferring collection of your Canada Pension Plan benefits could pay off financially under proposed changes to the CPP rules. The changes, which will begin to be phased in in 2011 if they're approved by Parliament and the provincial governments, aim to provide retirees and older workers with greater flexibility and choice. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Study fuels battle of the face masks

Flu **Outbreak**

RESEARCH Surgical masks appear to protect health-care workers from catching the flu as well as N95 respirators, a Canadian study has found.

The study is the latest round in a health-care controversy. The question: How well do the inexpensive paper masks stack up against the more costly moulded dome-like N95s?

Researchers assigned 446 nurses from eight hospitals in Ontario to either wear surgical masks or N95s last flu season.

Testing showed 23.6 per cent of the nurses who wore surgical masks got infected with flu during the the season, compared to 22.9 per cent of those wearing the N95s.

That means the masks were no more or less effective than the N95s.

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NOTICE OF CERTIFICATION AND SETTLEMENT OF DIOCESE OF ANTIGONISH CLASS ACTION

TO: ***All persons who were sexually assaulted by any priest of the Catholic Episcopal Corporation of Antigonish ("the Diocese") since January 1, 1950, including the Estates of all such persons now deceased*** ("Class Members")

NOTICE OF CERTIFICATION AND SETTLEMENT
This Notice advises Class Members of a conditional certification and settlement of a class action lawsuit regarding alleged sexual abuse by priests in the Diocese of Antigonish (the "Diocese"). The action is referred to as *Martin v. Lahey et al.*, Hfx. No. 297827 in the Supreme Court of Nova Scotia (the "Action")

WHO IS INCLUDED IN THE SETTLEMENT?
All persons who were sexually assaulted by any priest of the Catholic Episcopal Corporation of Antigonish between January 1, 1950, and the date of certification, September 10, 2009, including the Estates of all such persons now deceased.

WHAT ARE THE TERMS OF THE SETTLEMENT?
The settlement creates a fund of up to $12 million ("Settlement Fund") to pay compensation to eligible Class Members, a fund of $1 million ("Expense Fund") to pay the expenses of the settlement, and a fund to pay certain claimant's costs ("Costs Fund"). In order to be considered for compensation, Class Members must file a completed Claim Form with Diocese Counsel on or before **March 10, 2010**. Class members may be required to be evaluated by a neutral medical expert. If both parties agree, a claim may be settled without a hearing. Otherwise, the claim will be adjudicated by a retired judge of the Supreme Court of Nova Scotia at a private and confidential hearing. The claim can include compensation for pain and suffering, and wage loss up to certain limits. The Diocese will pay successful claimants certain amounts for costs of (1) necessary counseling, and (2) pursuing a successful claim. The amount paid to each eligible claimant will depend upon both the evidence presented and the total value of other eligible claims.

This Notice is just a summary. To review the full agreement, visit **www.dioceseclassaction.com**.

WHAT OPTIONS DO CLASS MEMBERS HAVE?

1. YOU CAN SUBMIT A COMPENSATION CLAIM
If you choose to file a Claim, you or your counsel are requested to notify Class Counsel of your intention to become a Claimant on or before **December 4, 2009**. The address is:

Arnold Pizzo McKiggan
306-5670 Spring Garden Road
Halifax, Nova Scotia B3J 1H6
Toll Free in Atlantic Canada: 1-877-423-2050
Local: (902) 423-2050
Fax: (902) 423-6707
Email: claimslawyer@dioceseclassaction.com
Attn: Mr. John McKiggan, Class Counsel

Claim Forms are available from Class Counsel or at **www.dioceseclassaction.com**.

To be considered, you must complete, sign and file a Claim Form with Diocese Counsel named below, on or before **March 10, 2010**:

MacIntosh, MacDonnell & MacDonald
610 East River Road, Suite 260, P.O. Box 368
New Glasgow, NS, B2H 5E5
Fax: 902.752.7810
Attn: Bruce T. MacIntosh, Q.C., Diocese Counsel
Email: dioceselawyer@dioceseclassaction.com

2. YOU CAN DO NOTHING
You do not have to make a claim under the class action if you choose not to do so. However, if you choose not to file a claim within the time limit, you will not be allowed to make a class action claim or commence a private lawsuit against the Diocese for compensation in the future, unless you file a notice to exclude yourself from the settlement class ("Opt Out Notice").

3. OPT OUT NOTICE
If you do not want to participate in the class action settlement, but want to preserve your right to commence a private lawsuit for compensation in the future, you must formally opt out by completing the Opt Out Form and filing this form with Diocese Counsel no later than **December 4, 2009**. Opt Out Forms are available from Class Counsel or at **www.dioceseclassaction.com**.

CAN THE SETTLEMENT BE CANCELLED?
If too many class members come forward, the Plaintiff Ronald Martin has the option to cancel the settlement and continue with the Action. If class member(s) opt out, the Diocese has the option to cancel the settlement and continue defending against the Action in the conventional manner.

LEGAL FEES
The Court has approved an interim fee payment for Class Counsel. Class Counsel have permission to apply at a later date for further approved fees up to a cumulative total fee not exceeding $400,000.00, to be paid from the Costs Fund.

LEGAL COUNSEL:
You can confidentially retain the services of Class Counsel to represent you in your claim. You can also retain your own private lawyer, or self-represent yourself. Use of a lawyer is recommended. Any fee arrangement will be reviewed by the Judge for reasonableness.

WHERE CAN CLASS MEMBERS GET MORE INFORMATION?
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Capt. Chesley "Sully" Sullenberger and 1st Officer Jeffrey Skiles on Thursday flew their first flight together since they were forced to ditch a plane in the Hudson River. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

World

Captor raped Smart daily, court hears

Taking the stand for the first time since she was snatched from her girlhood bedroom seven years ago, Elizabeth Smart testified Thursday that her captor raped her three or four times a day, kept her tied up with a cable around her leg, and threatened to kill her if she tried to escape.

Asked by a prosecutor to describe Brian David Mitchell, the self-described prophet accused of holding her captive for nine months, Smart replied: "Evil, wicked, manipulative, stinky, slimy, greedy, selfish, not spiritual, not religious, not close to God."

Smart, now a 21-year-old college student, gave her horrifying account in federal court as part of a proceeding over whether Mitchell is mentally competent to stand trial.

The 55-year-old one-time street preacher has been behind bars since 2003 — mostly in a state mental hospital — but has yet to stand trial. Twice he has been ruled mentally incompetent in state court, and he has often demonstrated bizarre behaviour, including incessantly singing hymns in the courtroom and once yelling at a judge to repent.

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Elizabeth Smart, right, arrives at court Thursday in Salt Lake City.

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Wife writes to ask for forgiveness

KIDNAPPING In letters to her mother, the woman charged in the 2002 kidnapping of Elizabeth Smart has sought forgiveness for any pain she has caused and says she expects to spend the rest of her life in prison.

Wanda Eileen Barzee, 63, however, makes just one reference to Smart and doesn't detail the nine months the girl allegedly spent with her and her husband Brian David Mitchell.

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Death toll in Indonesia expected to top 1,100

QUAKE Rescue workers pulled victims, some screaming in pain, from the heavy rubble of buildings felled by a powerful earthquake that a government official said killed at least 777 people. The UN put the death toll at 1,100 and said it was likely to rise.

The brunt of Wednesday's 7.6-magnitude earthquake, which originated in the sea off Sumatra island, appeared to have been borne by the city of Padang, where a government official said most the deaths occurred.

The region was jolted by another powerful earthquake Thursday morning, causing damage but no reported fatalities.

More than 500 buildings including hotels, schools, hospitals and a mall were destroyed or damaged in Padang. Thousands of people were still believed to be trapped in the rubble

The government official told The Associated Press that at least 777 people are confirmed to have died in the quake, with about 2,100 seriously injured.

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Obama praises talks with Iran

NUCLEAR U.S. President Barack Obama on Thursday called landmark international talks with Iran on its nuclear program "a constructive beginning" but said that Iran must match its promises of co-operation with deeds.

Now that Iran has agreed to open its newly disclosed nuclear enrichment facility to international inspectors, it "must grant unfettered access" to those inspectors within two weeks, Obama said.

"Talk is no substitute for action," Obama said at the White House after talks ended earlier in the day in Switzerland. "Our patience is not unlimited."

Obama said that if Iran follows through with concrete steps "there is a path to a better relationship" with the United States and the international community. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

News in brief

COUNTERFEIT PRODUCTS Italian police say they have seized an estimated $29 million worth of counterfeit designer purses, wallets and watches in a three-month crackdown that implicated 14 Chinese immigrants. The statement said that, of the 14 Chinese nationals implicated, seven were illegal migrants. Two were arrested. The counterfeit items seized during the operation, dubbed "White China, included brands such as Gucci, Armani, Mont Blanc and Rolex.

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Did stampede kill 131 walruses?
Trampling likely killed 131 Alaska walruses, investigators say. Young animals can be crushed in stampedes when a herd is startled by a bear or humans. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

No hiding for Cheney

Judge rules interview notes must be revealed

The Plame case

- Valerie Plame's identity was leaked after her husband, former ambassador Joseph Wilson, criticized the Bush administration's prewar intelligence on Iraq in 2003.
- An inquiry led to Cheney's former top aide, Lewis ``Scooter'' Libby, being convicted of obstruction of justice and lying to investigators.
- Then-President George W. Bush commuted Libby's sentence.

A U.S. federal judge ruled Thursday that the FBI must publicly reveal most of its notes from an interview with former U.S. Vice-President Dick Cheney.

The interview took place during the investigation into who leaked the identity of a CIA operative.

Cheney agreed to be interviewed by Special Counsel Patrick Fitzgerald in 2004 during the investigation of the leak of Valerie Plame's identity after her husband publicly criticized the Bush administration.

Both the Bush and Obama administrations said they wanted to keep the interview confidential because future presidents, vice-presidents and their senior staff may not co-operate with criminal investigations if they know what they say could became public.

But Judge Emmet Sullivan ruled there was no justification to withhold the entire 67 pages of FBI records documenting Fitzgerald's interview.

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Beijing **Women take Tiananmen spotlight**

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Women members of the militia, a civilian force, march past Tiananmen Square in Beijing on Thursday during a parade marking China's 60th anniversary. China celebrated its rise to a world power during 60 years of Communist rule, staging its biggest-ever parade of military hardware.

Kid's gang tattoo is trouble for dad

CRIME Enrique Gonzalez wanted his seven-year-old son to have a gang tattoo, like the many that adorn his own body.

About that there is no dispute.

The question a judge was to decide Friday is whether placing a tattoo on a minor is a permanent and painful disfigurement worthy of the potential life sentence that comes with a mayhem conviction, or is it something less?

Are there other procedures kids routinely undergo that are more painful and permanent?

The tattooing case became international news in April, not just for the small dog paw print on the right hip of the young boy, but for what the paw represented: Fresno's most notorious criminal street gang, the Bulldogs.

> **"I had mothers calling me from Australia wanting to get this guy."**
> Det. Jesse Ruelas

Gonzalez and gang member Travis Gorman were held on charges that include street terrorism.

Placing the gang tattoo on the child, prosecutors allege, is a recruitment tool that furthers the gang's criminal enterprise.

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Facebook cited in child abuse case

CRIME A nursery worker and two accomplices who met on the social networking site Facebook pleaded guilty on Thursday to a series of child abuse charges.

Vanessa George, 39, who worked at a nursery in Plymouth, in the west of England, admitted charges of child abuse and making and distributing indecent images.

She swapped pictures of abused children with 39-year-old Angela Allen and Colin Blanchard, 38.

All three pleaded guilty to child abuse and distribution of indecent images.

Judge John Royce urged George to co-operate with police in identifying the abused children. They will be sentenced on Nov. 13.

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Shocking Internet trend a wake-up call

InStep

A disturbing Internet trend called "reaction videos" is exploding in youth popularity. Here's how it works: A person's reaction is recorded while watching some other shocking video of which he/she is oblivious about and then posted on the web.

Reaction is intense, from crying and gagging to rolling on the floor. So no wonder they're popular. The big deal is if you decide to look into what these youngsters are actually looking at to generate such intense feedback.

At least two of these shocking videos have gone viral in popularity. So I opted to do a little research without watching any of them. One was an unedited video leak of the gruesome slaying of an Eastern European man hammered to death and stabbed by some youth. The other viral video showed a trailer of two girls indulging in grotesque pornographic acts of coprophagia.

I was perplexed as to why any person would be driven to watch this stuff or show it to anyone.

Author Anthony Burgess may not have been off track when he wrote his disturbing, futuristic novel A Clockwork Orange in 1962 about a youth gang who rapes, tortures and murders for entertainment. The deadly words "snuffed it" were repeatedly used in this book, bringing to mind snuff films of which one of the sordid viral videos actually was. When Stanley Kubrick turned A Clockwork Orange into a movie in 1971, it earned him more than four Oscar nominations: Controversy exploded in England over copycat crimes, which led Kubrick to withdraw his own film from the U.K.

That was then. Now our children are watching real snuff. Although we know copycat crimes are generally committed by those with a history of violence and severe mental disturbance, why create a milieu for such pathologies to flourish?

It's time for all of us to appeal to the timeless conscience within us amid the evolutionary changes of our modern virtual world. If, collectively, we are in danger of losing our conscience along the frantic highway of life, then I can't think of a better reason to risk pulling off to the shoulder and recouping this valuable possession.

Christine Williams is the producer and host of the live current affairs daily talk show On the Line at CTS TV in Burlington, Ont.

Views

Legal system wrings hands over Bountiful

UrbanCompass

It's Boys Behaving Badly Week. On Wednesday, I wrote about Roman Polanski, the creepy movie director (take it either way) trying to elude the consequences of a former propensity for having sex with a 13-year-old girl.

Today it's Winston Blackmore, the dirty old elder in Bountiful who claims his religious freedoms are being violated if he isn't allowed to keep a couple dozen wives.

Blackmore was accused of having 19 wives, many of whom were allegedly younger than 18 when he married them.

What Roman and Winston have in common, apart from a core lack of humanity, is a talent for avoiding consequences.

It's true Roman is in custody at the moment, but he spent more than 30 years dodging the law.

Winston is still at large, riding herd over his plural wives, the patriarch of a twisted little fundamentalist sect that requires women to be enslaved and tethered to the menfolk in bunches.

The way things are going, he'll be free to start marrying the next generation of poor defenceless girls because the B.C. legal system doesn't have a lick of sense. Former attorney general Wally Oppal tried his best to get Blackmore prosecuted but he couldn't find a prosecutor who would take the case forward. When one finally did, Blackmore and his co-defendant, James Oler, protested he was interfering with the law by "prosecutor shopping," and last week, a judge agreed and stayed the case.

So now, as the legal system wrings its hands, Blackmore and Oler get to keep their wives, and there is no hope for those women or their children, especially the little girls, who represent the next crop of plural wives.

Instead of worrying about Winston Blackmore's rights, why don't B.C. authorities start worrying about those poor kids? Winston has subjected these young women to himself for their entire lives, and that's a form of torture that should no more be tolerated, never mind respected.

New Attorney General Mike DeJong is considering his options, and could appeal Blackmore's legal victory. Mike, a word: Do the right thing. Finally. Every day in Bountiful is another day in Hell on Earth, B.C.

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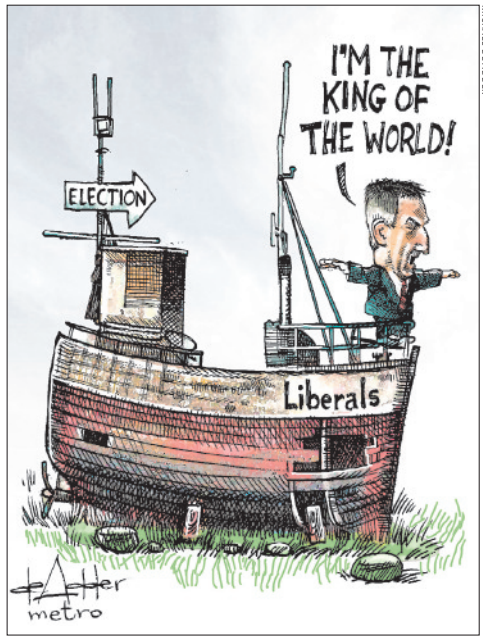

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Housing prices in several countries rising: Scotiabank
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Stocks slide on weak data

North American stock markets kicked off fourth-quarter trading with a bad stumble Thursday as the latest batch of American economic data revived doubts about the strength of an economic rebound.

The S&P/TSX composite index was hit particularly hard by a sharp selloff in the mining and energy sectors and tumbled 323.2 points or 2.84 per cent to 11,071.76.

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New York's Dow Jones industrials dropped 203 points or 2.09 per cent to 9,509.28 after the Institute for Supply Management reported that its September index for the U.S. manufacturing sector fell to 52.6 from 52.9 in August, sharply lower than the expected 54 reading.

It was the second dismal report on U.S. manufacturing in as many days. The Chicago Purchasing Managers Index, a snapshot of American manufacturing in the Midwest, slipped into contraction in September.

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Business in brief

TECH An online video for Microsoft's new Windows 7 operating system has people laughing at them, not with them. Microsoft hired House Party Inc. to bring the Windows 7 buzz into living rooms around the world ahead of the system's Oct. 22 launch. The earnestly-acted clip developed by House Party, in which four people share tips for hosting a Tupperware party-style gathering based around the new Windows, has garnered more than 800,000 views. The clip has been a target for parody, including one version with all mentions of Windows 7 bleeped out, making the whole thing sound rather inappropriate. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

AUTO In Canada, Ford and Hyundai emerged as the two clear winners among the major automakers in September sales, while General Motors, Chrysler, Honda and Toyota continued to see their sales shrink. September was also the fourth month in a row Ford's sales had risen year over year.

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Raikkonen wants top offer to stay in F1

Kimi Raikkonen is unsure about his future in Formula One after being ousted as a Ferrari driver, saying Thursday it would require an offer from a top team to keep him in the sport. Raikkonen has agreed to a buyout of the remaining year on his contract, paving the way for Fernando Alonso to join the team next year. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Sports

Shanahan, Devils part ways

Veteran forward Brendan Shanahan, left, and the New Jersey Devils have parted ways less than two days before the start of the NHL season. Shanahan issued a statement Thursday saying the separation was mutually agreed upon and amicable. The 40-year-old Shanahan plans to spend the next couple of weeks with his family discussing his future. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Comeback bid falls short

NHL RESULT

Vancouver 3 Calgary 5

Calgary goaltender Miikka Kiprusoff made 39 saves as the Flames opened their NHL season with a 5-3 win over the Vancouver Canucks on Thursday.

Rene Bourque, Brandon Prust and defencemen Mark Giordano and Adam Pardy struck for the Flames and Dion Phaneuf scored the empty-netter in front of a sellout of 19,289 at the Pengrowth Saddledome.

The win snapped a six-game losing streak for the Flames in NHL season-openers.

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Vancouver Canuck Kyle Wellwood looks on as Calgary Flames goalie Miikka Kiprusoff lets in a goal last night in Calgary. The Flames won 5-3.

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Kevin Bieksa, Alex Burrows, and Mikael Samuelsson replied for Vancouver, who fought back from a 3-0 deficit after the first period and is expected to rival Calgary for the Northwest Division title this season. Canucks goaltender Roberto Luongo had 19 saves in the loss.

Vancouver caught fire after Calgary's fourth goal as the Canucks outshot the hosts 28-8 after that.

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Sports in brief

SOCCER The Vancouver Whitecaps defeated Pacific Northwest rivals Portland Timbers 2-1 in the first leg of their USL First Division playoff semifinal series on Thursday evening Charles Gbeke and Marcus Haber scored for the Whitecaps.

SKIING Swiss skier Didier Defago suffered a broken right thumb Thursday and is expected to miss the opening race of the World Cup season. Defago fell during a downhill training run and was scheduled to undergo surgery later Thursday.

BUSINESS Nike says it does not have a "contractual relationship" with Michael Vick, a day after the quarterback's agent announced a deal with the manufacturer. In a statement released Thursday, Nike says it has "agreed to supply product to Michael Vick as we do a number of athletes who are not under contract with Nike."

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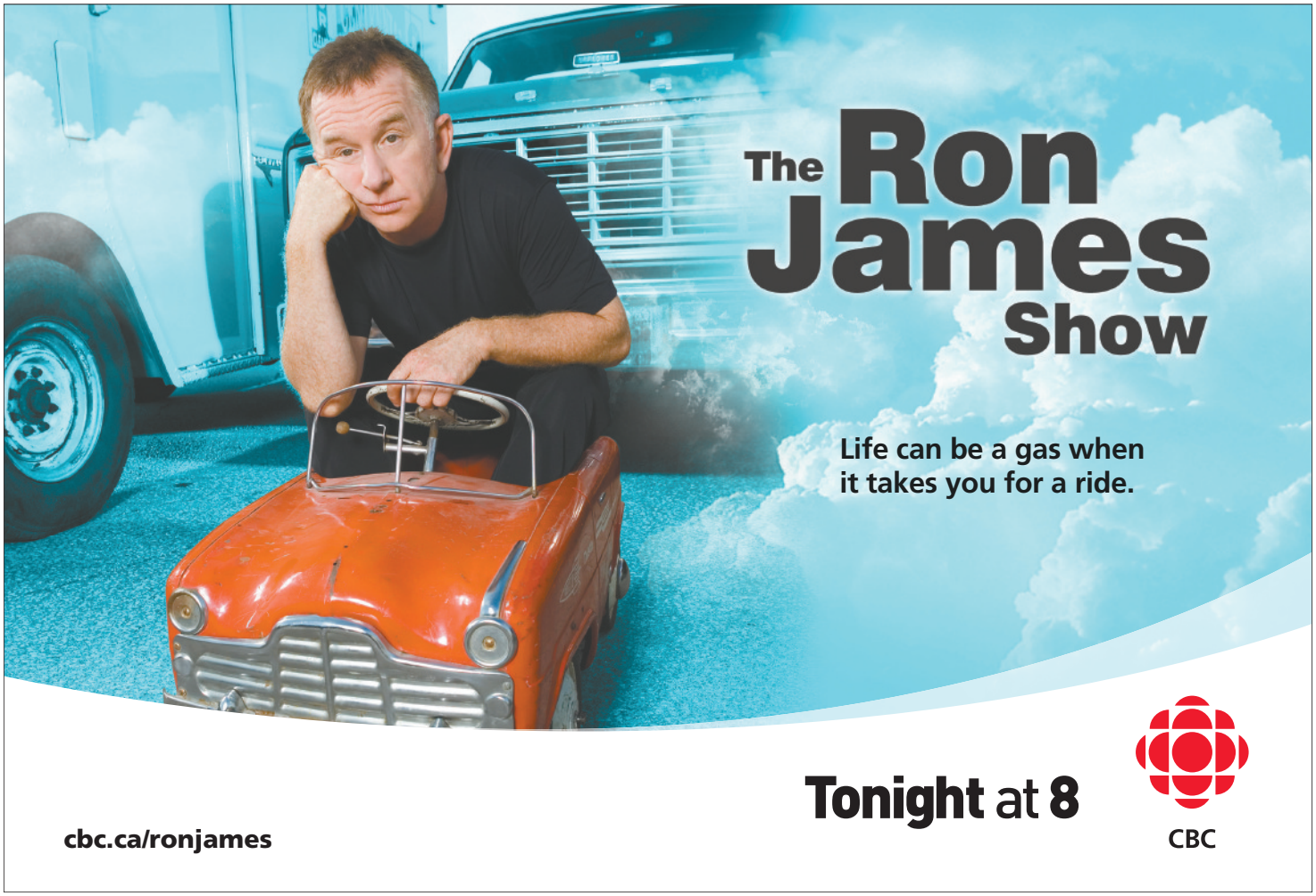

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Coach cancels QB's show
Jacksonville Jaguars quarterback David Garrard's weekly radio show has been cancelled. When head coach Jack Del Rio learned about Garrard's Friday show, which aired the last three weeks, it was cancelled faster than a network television dud. Del Rio says the timing made no sense. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Great One escapes our expectations

Another NHL season dawns and the brightest light in hockey's history is nowhere on the horizon.

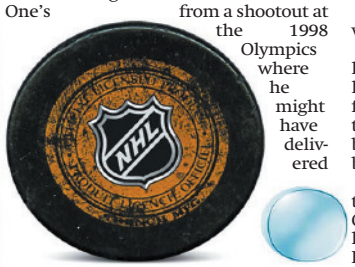
Wayne Gretzky has had his fill of living up to our expectations of him. Who could blame him? What was once a joyful expression of his magical powers has become just another case file in a bankruptcy court.

How did this happen?

When Gretzky was an Edmonton Oiler no one played hockey with his intuition. He was a savant, the kind of ethereal being who knew how to make all the right things happen. He was a sorcerer on skates who captured our undying affection.

But Gretzky was sold to the Los Angeles Kings and became the rainmaker for an icy game in the dry sun belt of America. The expectation was that he could single handedly cultivate a Canadian obsession in a place where few knew or cared where Canada was.

This is where the Great One's powers began to elude him. The Kings never won the Stanley Cup and he moved on. Gretzky went to St. Louis and New York and eventually retired after a journey which included his ignominious exclusion from a shootout at the 1998 Olympics where he might have delivered Canada the gold medal.



But we expected that Gretzky could, like soccer's Pele, be an ambassadorial figure once his playing days were done. Wayne Gretzky, we thought, could be hockey's wise sage.

It hasn't turned out that way yet.

Like many gifted artists, he became convinced that his abilities could be transferred from his palate, in this case the ice, to the boardrooms and eventually behind the bench.

Gretzky did help Canada to a gold medal at the 2002 Olympics but the players like Iginla, Sakic and Lemieux were the ones who really made it happen.

And then he failed miserably as the coach of the Phoenix Coyotes. We unfairly expected him to be great in that role too — a common mistake because rarely do great players make great teachers. It's a vastly different skill set.

So once again Wayne Gretzky is gone from centre ice. His reasons are probably numerous and complex, but one has to believe he's dog-tired of trying to live up to our expectations of him.

Scott Russell is the Host of CBC Sports Weekend seen Saturday afternoons. He has covered professional and amateur sports including nine Olympic games and numerous world championships.

Habs beat Leafs in OT

Josh Gorges and Carey Price helped the Montreal Canadiens steal two points from their oldest rivals.

The defenceman scored the winner with 12.8 seconds left in overtime Thursday and Price made 43 saves as the Canadiens stunned the Toronto Maple Leafs with a 4-3 victory.

The Habs were badly outshot and thoroughly outplayed through two periods, but found a way to hang around and pull out the victory.

CAPITALS 4 BRUINS 1

Alex Ovechkin had two goals and an assist, and Jose Theodore stopped 19 shots to lead the Washington Capitals over the Boston Bruins.

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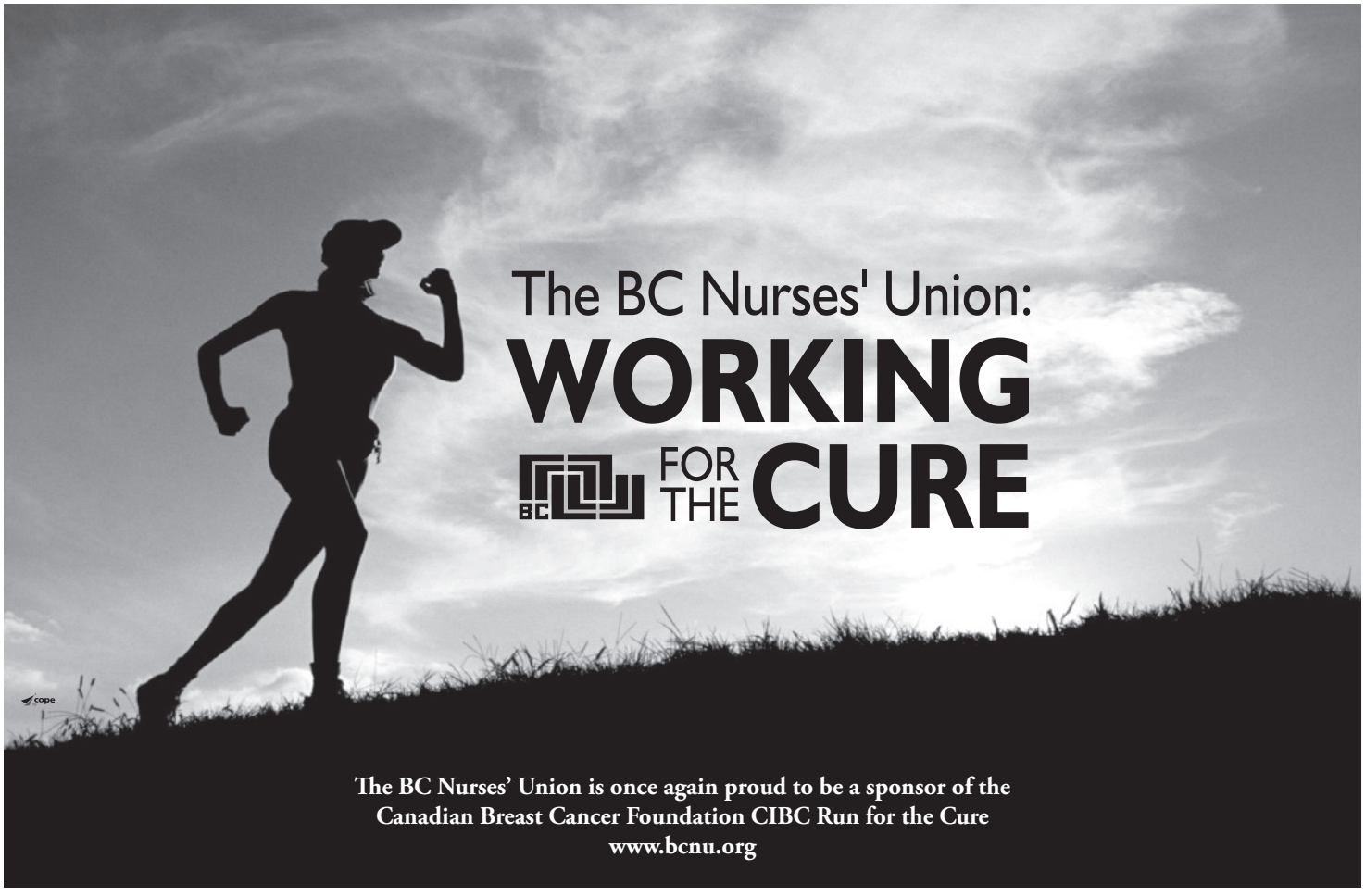
Sports in brief

NBA TWITTER Shaquille O'Neal agrees with the NBA's Twitter rule. The Cleveland Cavaliers centre, one of the league's Twitter enthusiasts, said Thursday he likes commissioner David Stern's new rule that bans NBA players from using Twitter during games.

TICKET PRICES The New York Mets are cutting the average price of season tickets by at least 10 per cent following a dismal opening season at Citi Field. The team said Thursday some locations will have cuts of more than 20 per cent. All season tickets will go down in price. Picked by some to reach the World Series, the Mets head into the final weekend of the season with a 67-92 record.

SQUASH Canada was eliminated from the championship round of the men's world team squash playdowns Thursday after dropping a 3-0 decision to top-ranked Egypt. Canada, the No. 7 seed, moves on to the consolation playoff round with the loss. Canada finished sixth at the last men's world team event in 2007. METRO NEWS SERVICES



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Jaguars to be blacked out

The Jacksonville Jaguars' game against the Tennessee Titans on Sunday will be blacked out on local TV. It will be the only blackout in the league this week; the other 13 games have sold out. The Jaguars have struggled to sell tickets and are in danger of having all their home games blacked out this season. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Lions running out of time

A missed block that results in a crucial quarterback sack. A blown defensive assignment that ends up in a touchdown.

The B.C. Lions have played some pretty good football this CFL season. It's just been the occasional brain cramp and lapse of discipline that has resulted in the Lions sitting last in the West with a 5-7 record.

It's something the Lions know must be corrected when they play the Saskatchewan Roughriders Friday night at B.C. Place Stadium.

"I think we have been beating ourselves," defensive end Ricky Foley said after the Lions practised Thursday. "I don't think other teams have been beating us too much."

Veteran slotback Geroy Simon said 55 minutes of harmony can turn into a painful noise by five minutes of bad play.

"I really do believe this club needs to ... take more accountability for its play."
Wally Buono, Lions coach/GM

"That has been our problem all year long," said Simon. "We go out and play well. Then the nasty head of inconsistency creeps up and bites us on the butt."

Mental mistakes and missed assignments can be an excuse in the third week of the season but the Lions are entering Week 13. Wally Buono, B.C.'s coach and general manager, knows time is running out.

"I really do believe this club needs to take a jump in its performance and needs to take more accountability for its play," said Buono.

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MLB Rocktober baseball

DAVID ZALUBOWSKI/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

From left, Colorado Rockies shortstop Troy Tulowitzki celebrates Thursday with third baseman Ian Stewart and first baseman Todd Helton after the Rockies' 9-2 victory over the Milwaukee Brewers clinched a spot in the National League baseball playoffs.

Sports in brief

MARATHON World record holder Paula Radcliffe will defend her title at the New York City Marathon next month. The British runner won the New York City Half-Marathon in August, but skipped the world championships because she needed more time to recover from foot surgery in March.

SOCCER Prosecutors in Turin are seeking a three-year sentence for former Juventus executive Luciano Moggi for alleged false bookkeeping. He denies the charges. Moggi was the central figure in a match-fixing scandal that shook Italian soccer in 2006.

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Invention funny, and that's no lie

Jennifer Garner and Ricky Gervais star in The Invention of Lying.

The Invention of Lying
Director: Ricky Gervais, Matthew Robinson
Stars: Ricky Gervais, Jennifer Garner, Rob Lowe
Classification: STC
Rating: ⊕⊕⊕½

PHIL BROWN
for Metro Canada

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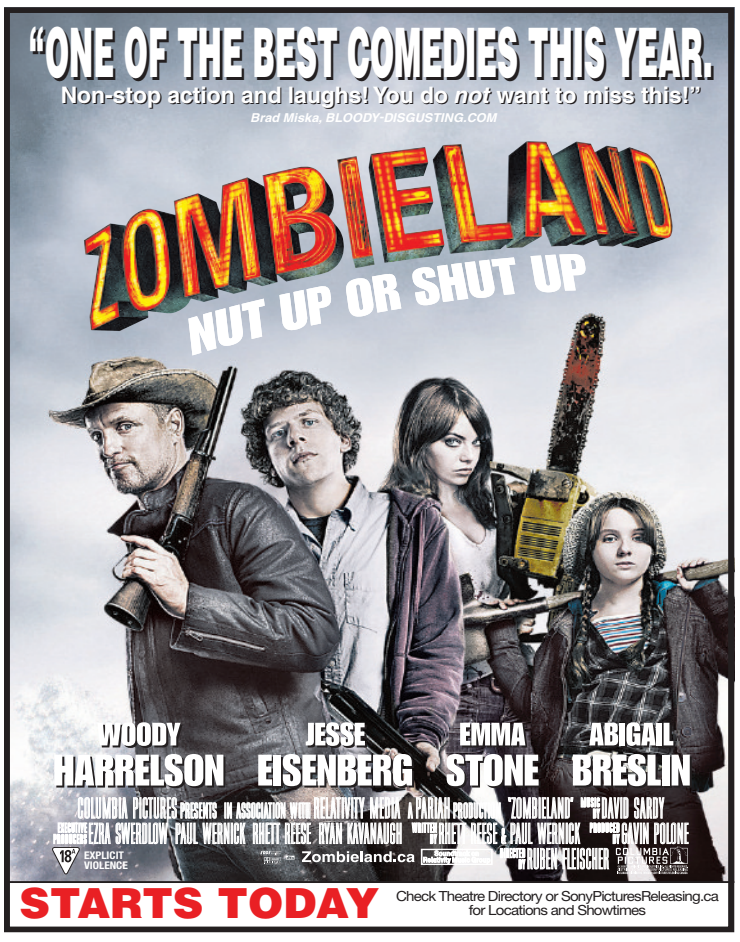

Ratner tackles Polanski
Brett Ratner's next movie just got a lot more controversial. The director of X-Men: The Last Stand and the Rush Hour movies is producing a follow-up to the 2008 documentary Roman Polanski: Wanted and Desired. **EW.COM**

Movies

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Perfect mix of horror, humour

Zombieland
Director: Ruben Fleischer
Stars: Jason Eisenberg, Woody Harrelson
Classification: 14A
Rating: ●●●●

On the web
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Jesse Eisenberg navigates through a world gone undead in Zombieland.

CHRIS ALEXANDER
for Metro Canada

With its slow motion tableaux of marauding, gore-caked ghouls running down hapless victims to the timeless battering of Metallica's For Whom the Bell Tolls, Zombieland's opening credits sequence is perhaps one of the best in the history of pulp cinema.

The fact that the film actually lives up to much of that promise is exhilaratingly happy news to report.

This wild, messy and downright hilarious comedy-shocker understands that to blend humour and horror properly, you have to allow the terror to be real and simply allow the characters to react to it.

Zombieland does it smashingly, offering tons of outrageously bloody attacks juxtaposed with a central boy-meets-girl story that's as urgent as anything John Hughes penned in his prime.

In a world gone mad, eternally nerdy Columbus (Jason Eisenberg) has learned to survive based on a series of self-made rules, the likes of which are playfully illustrated (complete with heaving, on screen text) throughout the film's running time.

While battling his way across the living-dead-littered landscape, he meets leather-clad tough guy Tallahassee (Woody Harrelson, miming Clint Eastwood and John Wayne outlaw clichés to grand effect), a sexy teenage drifter (Emma Stone) and her bratty 12-year-old sister (Abigail Breslin).

As the motley crew drives their stolen Hummer east toward an abandoned theme park that's supposedly zombie free, people are double-crossed, many cannibal corpses are dispatched in disgusting ways and sweaty-palmed love blossoms.

Lots of critics are lazily comparing this to Simon Pegg's U.K. zom-com Shaun of the Dead, but outside of the zombie apocalypse angle, the two pics couldn't be more different. Shaun was never scary and treated its zombies as slapstick fodder but in Zombieland, the walking (and running, and sprinting) dead are truly terrifying and never the source of cheap amusement.

Tight, taught, relentlessly violent and gory but never nihilistic or depressing, Zombieland is 82 minutes of concentrated, sick, cinema bravado, a flesh-eating, knee-slapping and nail-biting good time.

Toy Story returns to theatres

For a limited time, Disney films Toy Story and Toy Story 2 are being shown in theatres as a double release. Check screen times or visit metronews.ca/movies. METRO NEWS SERVICES

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Capitalism best, worst of Moore

Capitalism:
A Love Story

Director: Michael Moore
Classification: STC
Rating: 🌐🌐🌐½

PHIL BROWN
for Metro Canada

Professional agitator Michael Moore is back with his patented brand of satirical documentary. Moore has been cinema's biggest anti-business advocate for 20 years and today his reheated opinions are more relevant than ever.

Moore's rallying cries against corporate America's undying greed and the potential collapse of the U.S. economy have proven to be frighteningly true over the last year, and no one was more qualified to make a film about the current recession.

Of course, it's still Michael Moore and his heavily opinionated approach will irritate everyone who has dismissed him before.

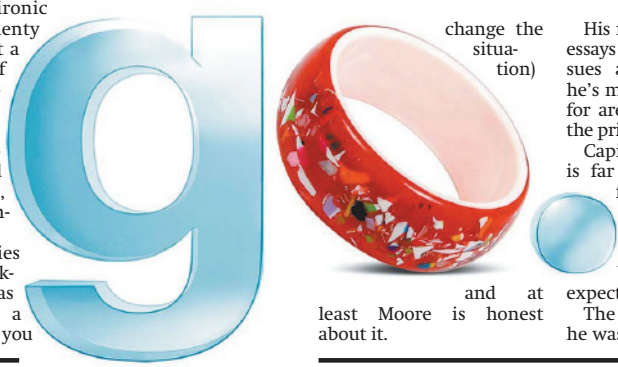
Like all of his previous work, Capitalism: A Love Story offers audiences an episodic analysis of his chosen subject.

Moore combines disturbing footage of families forced out of their homes (in once case even paid to destroy their own belongings), interviews with depressed victims (including a woman who discovered her husband's employer cashed a massive insurance settlement after his death, but shared none of it with the family), comedic stunts, ironic stock footage, and plenty of voiceover to paint a disturbing picture of the current economic climate.

It's easy to criticize the film for being scattershot and heavily opinionated, but that seems unfair.

All documentaries present the filmmaker's point of view (as soon as you bring a camera into a room, you change the situation) and at least Moore is honest about it.

Michael Moore brings his brand of heavily opinionated documentary-making to Capitalism: A Love Story.



His movies are cinematic essays exploring specific issues and the techniques he's most heavily criticized for are always accepted in the printed word.

Capitalism: A Love Story is far from perfect. As a filmmaker Michael Moore is undeniably indulgent and self-aggrandizing, but that's just to be expected at this point.

The bottom line is that he was able to take a fairly dry economic analysis and transform it into a movie that is hilarious, compelling, entertaining, touching and vital.

Given the depressed state of the global economy, someone had to make a movie about it and no one could have done it better.

• For Capitalism: A Love Story images, a trailer and screen times — or to buy tickets — visit metronews.ca/movies.

Carlos Ponce, left, Vince Vaughn and Swedish-Canadian actress Malin Akerman share a scene in Couples Retreat.

'I am the worst giggler': Akerman

PHIL BROWN
for Metro Canada

"I heard that there was a film being made with Vince Vaughn and I knew that they were looking for their girls. I got my hands on the script and thought it was a really great concept." Malin Akerman

FEATURE Malin Akerman's profile has been steadily rising with high profile roles in films like The Heartbreak Kid and Watchmen. She has split her time between comedies and drama, which the young actress relishes.

"I don't have a preference to be honest with you. Comedy and drama are so different and I enjoy doing everything as an actor," Akerman told Metro. "As long as it's a challenge, I'll try it all. Bring it on."

Akerman's latest venture is a project from Vince Vaughn and Jon Favreau (who burst onto the screen with Swingers in 1996). The pair co-wrote and star in Couples Retreat, a comedy about a group of married couples who embark on a tropical vacation only to unwittingly end up in a weeklong series of skill-building exercises and therapy sessions.

For Akerman the film was an opportunity to work with two comic minds that she has long admired.

"I heard that there was a film being made with Vince Vaughn and I knew that they were looking for their girls," said Akerman. "I got my hands on the script and thought it was a really great concept.

"It was nice to find an adult comedy about relationships where I could actually relate to the characters. Then I got a meeting with our director Peter Billingsley and saw pictures of Bora Bora all over his office. Once I saw that I thought, "God, I have to be a part of this.'"

Malin landed the job and soon found herself on a plane to Bora Bora. Unsurprisingly the idyllic location suited the actress well.

"Everywhere you looked there was beautiful turquoise water, palm trees, and beaches. We stayed in huts where you could jump off of your balcony into the Pacific Ocean. It was kind of a depressing place. I'd much rather be in a cubicle in an office building," joked the actress. "No, it was insane. I worked in paradise for three and a half weeks."

Beyond the tropical location there was still a film to be made and one starring some pretty sharp comic minds. This led to a great deal of improvisation on set, which Akerman enjoys.

"I've always liked improv. I think as long as you know your character and your goal in the scene, improv is easy. Especially when you're working with masters like Vince Vaughn or Jon Favreau. Once they start going at it, you just want to sit back and enjoy the show."

Of course, not knowing what those actors would say caused another challenge for the actress.

"I am the worst giggler. You don't want to ruin somebody else's take, but when you're working with this group of people it is not easy to keep a straight face," says Akerman. "I'll felt so bad because I just couldn't do it."

Audiences should struggle to control their giggling fits as well when Couples Retreat opens next week.

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Invention funny

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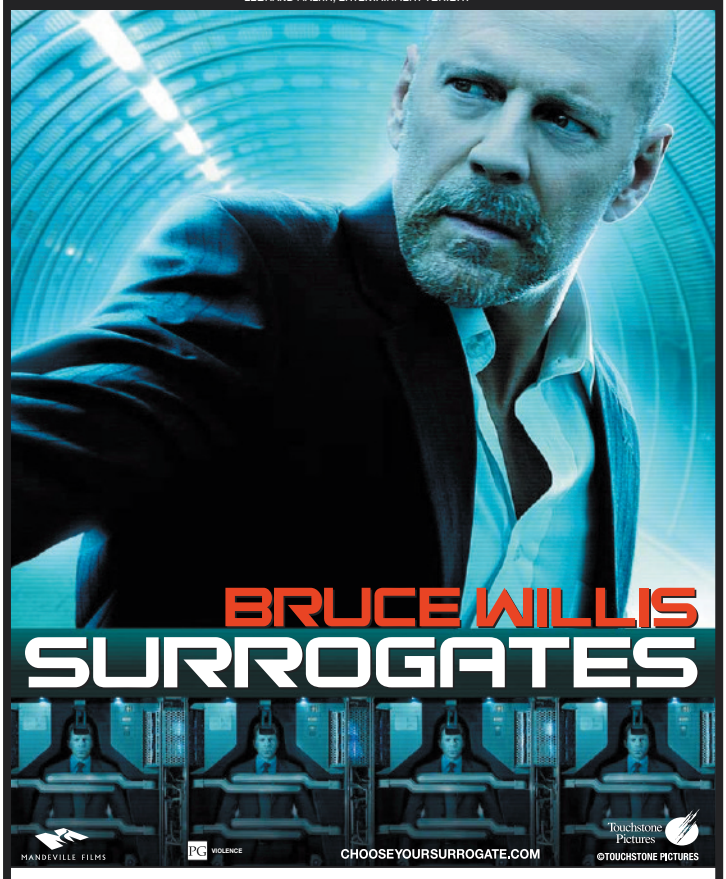

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The Boys Are Back (PG) Fri-Thu 1:50-4:45-7:15-9:25
Bright Star (G) Fri-Thu 1-4-6:50-9:15
Capitalism: A Love Story (PG) Fri-Thu 1:20-4:15-7-9:45
Julie & Julia (PG) Fri-Mon 1:10-3:45-7:10-9:40 Tue 1:10-3:45-9:40 Wed-Thu 1:10-3:45-7:10-9:40
Whip It (PG) Fri-Thu 1:30-4:30-7:20-9:35

GRANVILLE
855 Granville St., 604-684-4000

Vancouver International Film Festival (STC) A.M. Fri-Thu 10:30

HOLLYWOOD THEATRE
3123 W. Broadway, 604-738-3211

The Hurt Locker (14A) Fri-Thu 9:20
Land of the Lost (PG) Sat-Sun 1:30
Moon (PG) Fri 7:30 Sat-Sun 3:20-7:30 Mon-Thu 7:30

OAKRIDGE
650 West 41st Ave., 604-263-1944

Cloudy With a Chance of Meatballs (G) DTS Digital Fri 6:45-9 DTS Digital Sat-Sun 1:45-4-6:45-9 DTS Digital Mon-Thu 5:30-8
Evangelion: 1.0 You Are (Not) Alone (PG) Dolby Stereo Digital, No Passes Sat 10
Surrogates (PG) DTS Digital, No Passes Fri 7-9:15 DTS Digital, No Passes Sat-Sun 1:30-4:15-7-9:15 DTS Digital Mon-Thu 5-8:15
Zombieland (18A) Dolby Stereo Digital, No Passes Fri 7:15-9:35 Dolby Stereo Digital, No Passes Sat-Sun 2-4:30-7:15-9:35 Dolby Stereo Digital, No Passes Mon-Thu 5:15-8:30

PACIFIC CINÉMATHÈQUE
1131 Howe Street, 604-688-3456
cinematheque.bc.ca

Vancouver International Film Festival (STC) Fri-Thu

PARK THEATRE
3440 Cambie Street, 604-876-2747

The Informant! (PG) Fri 4-7-9:20 Sat-Sun 1:30-4-7-9:20 Mon-Thu 4-7-9:20

RIDGE THEATRE
3131 Arbutus Street, 604-738-6311

Vancouver International Film Festival (STC) Fri-Thu

RIO ON BROADWAY
1660 E. Broadway, 604-878-Film

Ed Wood (STC) Fri 12
Plan 9 From Outer Space (STC) Fri
Trailer Park Boys: Countdown to Liquor Day (18A) Fri-Sat 7-9:15 Sun 4:30-7-9:15 Mon-Thu 7-9:15

SCOTIABANK THEATRE
VANCOUVER
900 Burrard St., 604-630-1407

Capitalism: A Love Story (PG) Fri-Thu 1-4-7:10-10:20
District 9 (18A) Fri-Thu 1:10-4:30-7:45-10:30
The Informant! (PG) Fri-Thu 12:20-3:10-6:40-9:30
Inglourious Basterds (18A) Fri-Thu 12-3:20-6:50-10:25
Surrogates (PG) No Passes Fri-Thu 12:50-3:50-7-9:40
Toy Story & Toy Story 2 3D Double Feature (STC) No Passes Fri-Thu 11:30-3:30-7:30
Trailer Park Boys: Countdown to Liquor Day (18A) Fri-Thu 12:40-3:40-7:15-10
Zombieland (18A) Fri-Thu 12:30-2:50-5:10-7:40-10:10 Fri-Thu 11:40-2-4:20-6:45-9:20

TINSELTOWN
International Village, 88 West Pender, 3rd floor, 604-806-0799

(500) Days of Summer (PG) Fri-Thu 4:45-10
9 (PG) No Passes Fri-Thu 1:05-3:15-5:20-7:25-9:30
All About Steve (PG) No Passes Fri-Thu 2:25-7:10
Bright Star (G) No Passes Fri-Tue 1:20-4:15-7:05-9:55 No Passes Wed 1:20-4:15-9:55 No Passes Thu 1:20-4:15-7:05-9:55
Cloudy With a Chance of Meatballs (G) Fri-Thu 1:10-3:25-5:50-8:10-10:30
Cloudy With a Chance of Meatballs 3D (G) Fri-Thu 2:20-4:40-7-9:20
Fame (PG) No Passes Fri-Thu 1:2:15-3:30-4:50-6:10-7:30-8:50-10:05
The Invention of Lying (PG) No Passes Fri-Thu 2:30-5-7:20-9:45
Jennifer's Body (14A) No Passes Fri-Thu 10:25
Julie & Julia (PG) Fri-Thu 2:05-4:55-7:45
Love Happens (PG) Fri-Thu 1:40-4:20-7:15-9:50
Pandorum (14A) No Passes Fri-Thu 2:40-5:10-7:40-10:20
Whip It (PG) No Passes Fri-Thu 1:45-4:35-7:35-10:15

VANCITY THEATRE
Vancouver International Film Centre
1181 Seymour Street, 604-683-Film, vifc.org

Film and Television Forum and New Film Makers Day (STC) Fri-Sat
Vancouver International Film Festival (STC) Fri-Thu

VAN EAST CINEMA
2290 Commercial Drive, 604-251-1313
vaneast.com

The Informant! (PG) Fri-Thu 7
Julie & Julia (PG) Fri 9:15 Sat-Sun 4:40-9:15 Mon-Thu 9:15

NORTH SHORE

ESPLANADE 6
200 West Esplanade, 604-983-2762

The Informant! (PG) Fri 7:20-9:45 Sat-Sun 1:40-4:15-7:20-9:45 Mon-Thu 7:20-9:45
The Invention of Lying (PG) No Passes Fri 6:50-9:30 No Passes Sat-Sun 1:35-4-6:50-9:30 No Passes Mon-Thu 6:50-9:30
Pandorum (14A) Fri 7:05-9:40 Sat-Sun 1:55-4:30-7:05-9:40 Mon-Thu 7:05-9:40
Surrogates (PG) No Passes Fri 7:10-9:25 No Passes Sat-Sun 1:50-4:05-7:10-9:25 Mon-Thu 7:10-9:25
Toy Story & Toy Story 2 3D Double Feature (STC) No Passes Fri 7:30 No Passes Sat-Sun 1-4:45-8:30 No Passes Mon-Thu 7:30
Zombieland (18A) No Passes Fri 7:15-9:50 No Passes Sat-Sun 1:45-4:20-7:15-9:50 No Passes Mon-Thu 7:15-9:50

PARK & TILFORD
333 Brooksbank Ave., 604-985-3911

Capitalism: A Love Story (PG) Fri 6:50-9:45 Sat-Sun 12:10-3:25-6:50-9:45 Mon-Thu 6:50-9:45
Cloudy With a Chance of Meatballs 3D (G) Fri 7:10-9:30 Sat-Sun 12:2:30-7:10-9:30 Mon-Thu 7:10-9:30
Evangelion: 1.0 You Are (Not) Alone (PG) Sat 10
Fame (PG) Fri 6:40-9:40 Sat-Sun 12:20-3:20-6:40-9:40 Mon-Thu 6:40-9:40 Star & Strollers Screening Thu 1
Love Happens (PG) Fri 6:30-9:20 Sat-Sun 12:40-3:10-6:30-9:20 Mon-Tue 6:30-9:20 Wed 9:20 Thu 6:30-9:20
Trailer Park Boys: Countdown to Liquor Day (18A) Fri 7:15-10 Sat-Sun 12:35-3:30-7:15-10 Mon-Thu 7:15-10
Whip It (PG) No Passes Fri 7-9:50 No Passes Sat-Sun 12:30-3-7-9:50 No Passes Mon-Thu 7-9:50 Star & Strollers Screening, No Passes Thu 1

RICHMOND

RICHMOND CENTRE 6
6551 #3 Road, 604-273-7173

Cloudy With a Chance of Meatballs (G) Fri 5:10-7:25-9:35 Sat 1-3:05-5:10-7:25-9:35 Sun 1-3:05-5:10-7:25 Mon-Thu 5:10-7:25
The Invention of Lying (PG) Fri 4-7-9:40 Sat 1:05-4-7-9:40 Sun 1:05-4-7 Mon-Thu 4-7
Jennifer's Body (14A) Fri 4:10-7:10-9:45 Sat 1:25-4:10-7:10-9:45 Sun 1:25-4:10-7:10 Mon-Thu 4:10-7:10
Pandorum (14A) Fri 4:20-7:15-9:55 Sat 1:10-4:20-7:15-9:55 Sun 1:10-4:20-7:15 Mon-Thu 4:20-7:15
Surrogates (PG) No Passes Fri 4:05-7:05-9:30 No Passes Sat 1:15-4:05-7:05-9:30 No Passes Sun 1:15-4:05-7:05 No Passes Mon-Thu 4:05-7:05
Zombieland (18A) Fri 4:15-7:20-9:50 Sat 1:20-4:15-7:20-9:50 Sun 1:20-4:15-7:20 Mon-Thu 4:15-7:20

SILVERCITY RIVERPORT
14211 Entertainment Way, 604-272-7280

9 (PG) Fri-Thu 1:25-4:20-7:50-10:25
All About Steve (PG) Fri-Sat 12:25-3:20-6:35-9:25 Sun 12:25-6:35-9:25 Mon-Wed 12:25-3:20-6:35-9:25 Thu 12:25-6:35-9:25
Capitalism: A Love Story (PG) Fri-Wed 12:05-3:15-7:10:05 Thu 4:05-7-10:05 Star & Strollers Screening Thu 1
Cloudy With a Chance of Meatballs 3D (G) Fri-Thu 12-2:25-4:50-7:20-9:45
Dil Bole Hadippa (Hindi w/e.s.t) (G) Fri-Thu 12:30-4:10-8
District 9 (18A) Fri-Sat 11:55-3:05-6:40-9:30 Sun 11:55-3:05-9:30 Mon-Thu 11:55-3:05-6:40-9:30
Evangelion: 1.0 You Are (Not) Alone (PG) Sat 10
Fame (PG) Fri-Thu 1:20-4:35-7:35-10:10
The Informant! (PG) Fri-Thu 12:40-3:35-6:50-9:35
Inglourious Basterds (18A) Fri-Thu 11:35-3-6:30-9:55
The Invention of Lying (PG) Fri-Thu 12:55-3:40-7:30-10:15
Jennifer's Body (14A) Fri-Thu 1:15-4:15-7:25-10:20
Love Happens (PG) Fri-Thu 12:50-3:50-6:45-9:50
Pandorum (14A) Fri-Thu 12:35-3:45-7:05-9:55
Surrogates (PG) No Passes Fri-Thu 1:35-4:25-7:10-9:40
Toy Story & Toy Story 2 3D Double Feature (STC) No Passes Fri-Thu 11:30-3:30-7:30
Trailer Park Boys: Countdown to Liquor Day (18A) Fri-Thu 1:10-4:30-7:40-10:35
Whip It (PG) No Passes Fri-Wed 12:15-3:55-6:55-9:45 No Passes Thu 3:55-6:55-9:45 Star & Strollers Screening, No Passes Thu 1
WWE Hell in a Cell (STC) Sun 5
Zombieland (18A) Fri-Thu 11:45-2:15-4:45-7:45-10:30 Fri-Thu 1-4-7:15-10

BURNABY

DOLPHIN CINEMAS
4555 E. Hastings St., 604-293-0332

(500) Days of Summer (PG) Fri 9 Sat-Sun 4:30-9 Mon-Thu 9
All About Steve (PG) Fri 7-9 Sat-Sun 2-4:30-7-9 Mon-Thu 7-9
Ponyo (G) Fri 7 Sat-Sun 2-7 Mon-Thu 7

SILVERCITY METROPOLIS
4700 Kingsway Ave., 604-435-7474

9 (PG) Fri-Wed 12:35-2:45-4:55-7:10-9:30 Thu 12:35-2:45-4:55-9:30
Cloudy With a Chance of Meatballs 3D (G) Fri-Wed 12-2:15-4:40-7:05-9:25 Thu 12:30-2:35-4:40-7:05-9:25
Evangelion: 1.0 You Are (Not) Alone (PG) Sat 10
Fame (PG) Fri-Thu 1-3:55-7:20-10:15
The Informant! (PG) Fri-Sat 1:05-3:50-7-9:40 Sun 1:05-9:40 Mon-Thu 1:05-3:50-7-9:40
The Invention of Lying (PG) Fri-Thu 12:45-4:10-6:50-9:35
Surrogates (PG) No Passes Fri-Thu 12:10-2:20-4:35-7:30-9:50
Toy Story & Toy Story 2 3D Double Feature (STC) No Passes Fri-Thu 11:30-3:30-7:30
Trailer Park Boys: Countdown to Liquor Day (18A) Fri-Thu 12:50-4:05-7:25-10:10
Whip It (PG) No Passes Fri-Thu 12:55-3:45-6:40-9:45
WWE Hell in a Cell (STC) Sun 5
Zombieland (18A) Fri-Thu 12:05-2:20-4:45-7:15-10

STATION SQUARE
220-6200 McKay Ave., 604-434-7711

District 9 (18A) Fri 4:40-7:35-10:20 Sat 12:55-4:40-7:35-10:20 Sun 12:55-4:40-7:35 Mon-Thu 4:40-7:35
Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince (PG) Fri 4 Sat-Sun 12:35-4 Mon-Thu 4
Inglourious Basterds (18A) Fri 4:05-7:45 Sat-Sun 12:30-4:05-7:45 Mon-Thu 4:05-7:45
Jennifer's Body (14A) Fri 4:35-7:25-10:15 Sat 1:05-4:35-7:25-10:15 Sun 1:05-4:35-7:25 Mon-Thu 4:35-7:25
Julie & Julia (PG) Fri-Sat 7:35-10:30 Sun-Thu 7:35
Love Happens (PG) Fri 4:20-7:15-10:10 Sat 1:10-4:20-7:15-10:10 Sun 1:10-4:20-7:15 Mon-Thu 4:20-7:15
Pandorum (14A) Fri 4:15-7:30-10:35 Sat 12:50-4:15-7:30-10:35 Sun 12:50-4:15-7:30 Mon-Thu 4:15-7:30
The Time Traveler's Wife (PG) Fri 4:30-7:40-10:25 Sat 1-4:30-7:40-10:25 Sun 1-4:30-7:40 Mon-Thu 4:30-7:40

NEW WEST/ COQUITLAM

SILVERCITY COQUITLAM
170 Schoolhouse Street, 604-523-2911

9 (PG) Fri-Thu 12:55-3:40-6:50-9:45
All About Steve (PG) Fri-Sat 12:30-4:15-7:25-10:15 Sun 12:30-7:25-10:15 Mon-Thu 12:30-4:15-7:25-10:15
Capitalism: A Love Story (PG) Fri-Thu 12:20-3:50-6:50-9:50
Cloudy With a Chance of Meatballs 3D (G) Fri-Thu 11:35-2-4:30-7-9:35
District 9 (18A) Fri-Sat 1:35-4:35-7:40-10:35 Sun 1:35-4:35-10:35 Mon-Thu 1:35-4:35-7:40-10:35
Evangelion: 1.0 You Are (Not) Alone (PG) Sat 10
Fame (PG) Fri-Tue 1-4:25-7:05-10 Wed 4:25-7:05-10 Thu 1-4:25-7:05-10 Star & Strollers Screening Wed 1
The Final Destination (18A) Fri-Tue 1:20-4:15-7:10:15 Wed 1:20-4:15-10:15 Thu 1:20-4:15-7:10:15
Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince (PG) Fri-Thu 11:50-3:15-9:45
The Informant! (PG) Fri-Thu 1:20-4:20-7:20-10:20
Inglourious Basterds (18A) Fri-Thu 12:40-4:10-8
The Invention of Lying (PG) Fri-Tue 1:05-4:10-7:10-10:10 Wed 4:10-7:10-10:10 Thu 1:05-4:10-7:10-10:10 Star & Strollers Screening Wed 1
Jennifer's Body (14A) Fri-Thu 1:15-4-7:10-10:40
Julie & Julia (PG) Fri-Thu 6:45
Love Happens (PG) Fri-Thu 1:10-3:45-6:55-9:55
Pandorum (14A) Fri-Thu 1:45-4:45-7:35-10:25
Surrogates (PG) No Passes Fri-Thu 12:50-4:05-7:20-10:05
Toy Story & Toy Story 2 3D Double Feature (STC) No Passes Fri-Thu 11:30-3:30-7:30
Trailer Park Boys: Countdown to Liquor Day (18A) Fri-Thu 1:50-4:50-7:45-10:30
Whip It (PG) No Passes Fri-Thu 1:40-4:40-7:35-10:20
WWE Hell in a Cell (STC) Sun 5
Zombieland (18A) Fri-Thu 11:55-12:35-2:35-3:35-5:7:05-7:35-10:05-10:35

SURREY/WHITE ROCK/LANGLEY

CLOVA
5732-176th St., Surrey, 604-541-9527

The Informant! (PG) Fri-Thu 7
Julie & Julia (PG) Fri-Thu 9:05
Shorts (G) Sat-Sun 1:30

HOLLYWOOD 3 CINEMA
7125-138th Street, Surrey, 604-592-4441

District 9 (18A) Fri-Thu 8:30
G-Force (G) Fri 6:45 Sat-Sun 2:45-6:45 Mon-Thu 6:45
G.I. Joe: The Rise of Cobra (14A) Fri-Thu 12-8:50
Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince (PG) Sat-Sun 12
Ice Age: Dawn of the Dinosaurs (G) Fri-Thu 4:40
Julie & Julia (PG) Fri-Thu 6:30
Kare Sadhan De (STC) Fri 5-7:30-10 Sat-Sun 12-2:30-5-7:30-10 Mon-Thu 5-7:30-10
Shorts (G) Sat-Sun 2:45
The Time Traveler's Wife (PG) Fri-Thu 4:30

STRAWBERRY HILL GRANDE
12161-72nd Ave, Surrey, 604-501-9400

Apni Boli Apna Des (Punjabi w/e.s.t.) (STC) Fri-Sat 12:50-4:20-7:40 Sun 12:50-8:30 Mon-Thu 12:50-4:20-7:40
Cloudy With a Chance of Meatballs (G) Fri-Thu 12:20-2:45-5:7:15-9:30
Dil Bole Hadippa (Hindi w/e.s.t) (G) Fri-Thu 12:40-4:35-7:50
Do Knot Disturb (Hindi w/e.s.t.) (STC) Fri-Thu 12:30-4-7:10
Fame (PG) Fri-Tue 1:20-4:25-6:55-9:25 Wed 4:25-6:55-9:25 Thu 1:20-4:25-6:55-9:25 Star & Strollers Screening Wed 1
The Invention of Lying (PG) Fri-Tue 1:3:50-7:10-9:45 Wed 3:50-7:10-9:45 Thu 1:3:50-7:10-9:45 Star & Strollers Screening Wed 1
Pandorum (14A) Fri-Thu 1:05-4:15-6:50-9:40
Surrogates (PG) No Passes Fri-Thu 1:10-4:30-7:05-9:35
Toy Story & Toy Story 2 3D Double Feature (STC) No Passes Fri-Thu 11:45-3:40-7:30
Trailer Park Boys: Countdown to Liquor Day (18A) Fri-Thu 1:15-4:10-7:20-9:55
Wake Up Sid (Hindi w/e.s.t.) (STC) Fri-Thu 12-3:30-6:45-9:50
WWE Hell in a Cell (STC) Sun 5
Zombieland (18A) Fri-Thu 12:10-2:35-4:55-7:25-10:05

STUDIO 12 GUILDFORD
15051-101st Ave, Surrey, 604-581-1176

Akhiyaan Udeekdian (STC) Stadium Seating, Dolby Stereo Digital Fri-Sat 1:20-4:05-6:50-9:35 Stadium Seating, Dolby Stereo Digital Sun 1:20-9:35 Stadium Seating, Dolby Stereo Digital Mon-Thu 1:20-4:05-6:50-9:35
Capitalism: A Love Story (PG) Stadium Seating, Dolby Stereo Digital Fri-Thu 1:15-4:15-7:10-10:05
Cloudy With a Chance of Meatballs 3D (G) Stadium Seating Fri-Thu 1:40-4-6:45-9:25
Evangelion: 1.0 You Are (Not) Alone (PG) Stadium Seating, Dolby Stereo Digital, No Passes Sat 11
Fame (PG) Stadium Seating, Dolby Stereo Digital Fri-Thu 1:55-4:45-7:35-10:15
The Informant! (PG) Stadium Seating, Dolby Stereo Digital Fri-Thu 1:35-4:40-7:30-10:10
The Invention of Lying (PG) Stadium Seating, Dolby Stereo Digital, No Passes Fri-Thu 1:45-4:25-7:20-9:50
Pandorum (14A) Stadium Seating, Dolby Stereo Digital Fri-Thu 1:25-4:10-6:55-9:45
Surrogates (PG) Stadium Seating, Dolby Stereo Digital, No Passes Fri-Sun 1:50-4:50-7:40-10:20 Stadium Seating, Dolby Stereo Digital Mon-Thu 1:50-4:50-7:40-10:20
Toy Story & Toy Story 2 3D Double Feature (STC) Stadium Seating, Dolby Stereo Digital, No Passes Fri 2:15-7 Stadium Seating, Dolby Stereo Digital, No Passes Sat-Sun 12:30-4:30-8:30 Stadium Seating, Dolby Stereo Digital, No Passes Mon-Thu 2:15-7
Trailer Park Boys: Countdown to Liquor Day (18A) Stadium Seating, Dolby Stereo Digital Fri-Thu 2:05-4:35-7:05-9:40
Whip It (PG) Stadium Seating, Dolby Stereo Digital Fri-Thu 1:30-4:20-7:15-9:55
WWE Hell in a Cell (STC) No Passes Sun 5
Zombieland (18A) Stadium Seating, Dolby Stereo Digital, No Passes Fri-Thu 2-4:30-7:25-10

RIALTO
1732-152nd Street, White Rock, 604-541-9527, criteriontheatres.com

The Informant! (PG) Fri 7-9:05 Sat-Sun 2-7-9:05 Mon-Thu 7-9:05
The Invention of Lying (PG) Fri 7:10-9:15 Sat-Sun 2:10-7:10-9:15 Mon-Thu 7:10-9:15

CRITERION 4 WHITE ROCK
2381 King George Hwy., 604-531-7456

Cloudy With a Chance of Meatballs (G) Fri 7-8:45 Sat-Sun 2-7-8:45 Mon-Thu 7-8:45
Fame (PG) Fri 7:10-9:20 Sat-Sun 2:10-7:10-9:20 Mon-Thu 7:10-9:20
Surrogates (PG) Fri 7:20-9:25 Sat-Sun 2:20-7:20-9:25 Mon-Thu 7:20-9:25
Zombieland (18A) Fri 7:30-9:30 Sat-Sun 2:30-7:30-9:30 Mon-Thu 7:30-9:30

COLOSSUS LANGLEY
20090-91A Ave, Langley, 604-513-8747

9 (PG) Fri-Sun 12-2:20-4:35-7:10-9:40 Mon-Thu 4:35-7:10-9:40
All About Steve (PG) Fri-Sat 1:10-4:15-7-9:35 Sun 1:10-7-9:35 Mon-Thu 4:15-7-9:35
Capitalism: A Love Story (PG) Fri-Sun 12:05-3:30-6:40-9:40 Mon-Thu 3:30-6:40-9:40
Cloudy With a Chance of Meatballs 3D (G) Fri-Sun 12:30-2:50-5:10-7:30-10 Mon-Thu 5:10-7:30-10
Cloudy With a Chance of Meatballs: An IMAX 3D Experience (G) Fri-Sun 12-2:20-4:40-7-9:20 Mon-Thu 4:40-7-9:20
District 9 (18A) Fri-Sat 12:40-4:05-7:35-10:25 Sun 12:40-4:05-10:25 Mon-Thu 4:05-7:35-10:25
Evangelion: 1.0 You Are (Not) Alone (PG) Sat 10
Fame (PG) Fri-Sun 12:35-3:55-6:55-10 Mon-Thu 3:55-6:55-10
The Final Destination (18A) Fri-Sun 12-2:30-4:55-7:25-10:05 Mon-Thu 4:55-7:25-10:05
The Informant! (PG) Fri-Sun 12:15-3:55-6:40-10:15 Mon-Thu 3:55-6:40-10:15
Inglourious Basterds (18A) Fri-Sun 12:10-3:35-6:45-9:55 Mon-Thu 3:35-6:45-9:55
The Invention of Lying (PG) Fri-Sun 12:25-4-6:50-9:50 Mon-Thu 4-6:50-9:50
Jennifer's Body (14A) Fri-Sun 1:05-4:10-7:15-9:55 Mon-Thu 4:10-7:15-9:55
Love Happens (PG) Fri-Sun 12:25-3:45-6:45-9:45 Mon-Thu 3:45-6:45-9:45
Pandorum (14A) Fri-Sun 1:15-4:20-7:20-10:10 Mon-Thu 4:20-7:20-10:10
Surrogates (PG) No Passes Fri-Sun 12:55-3:50-7:05-9:45 No Passes Mon-Tue 3:50-7:05-9:45 No Passes Wed 7:05-9:45 No Passes Thu 3:50-7:05-9:45 Star & Strollers Screening, No Passes Wed 3
Toy Story & Toy Story 2 3D Double Feature (STC) No Passes Fri-Sun 11:30-3:30-7:30 No Passes Mon-Thu 3:30-7:30
Trailer Park Boys: Countdown to Liquor Day (18A) Fri-Sun 12:45-4:05-7:40-10:30 Mon-Thu 4:05-7:40-10:30
Whip It (PG) No Passes Fri-Sun 12:20-3:40-7:10-10:10 No Passes Mon-Tue 3:40-7:10-10:10 No Passes Wed 7:10-10:10 No Passes Thu 3:40-7:10-10:10 Star & Strollers Screening, No Passes Wed 3
WWE Hell in a Cell (STC) Sun 5
Zombieland (18A) Fri-Sun 12:10-2:40-5:05-7:35-10:20 Mon-Thu 5:05-7:35-10:20

TWILIGHT DRIVE-IN
260th Street & Fraser Highway, Langley, 604-856-5063

The Informant! (PG) Fri-Sun 7:30
Orphan (14A) Fri-Sat 11:40
Whiteout (14A) Fri-Sun 9:30

Stallone got a Death Wish
Sylvester Stallone has been ruminating to Empire magazine about the possibility of starring in a remake of the 1974 movie Death Wish, which featured Charles Bronson as a vengeance-fueled vigilante. EW.COM

Reel Time

It's punk, it's power, it's women's roller derby

InFocus

Richard Crouse

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This weekend Drew Barrymore makes her directorial debut with Whip It, the story of a young girl who finds the antidote for her small town blues on the roller derby track.

Barrymore's movie delves deep into the murky world of women's roller derby, but it isn't the sport's first big screen treatment.

In the early 1970s UCLA student Barry Sandler saw his master's thesis, a screenplay called Kansas City Bomber, become a Golden Globe-nominated movie starring Raquel Welch. She plays a single Mom roller-derby queen (Jodie Foster is her daughter) who has an affair with her boss and a skating showdown with a rival.

The 1970s were the height of roller derby's popularity but the sport made a comeback early in the millennium. That return was chronicled in Hell On Wheels, a documentary about a women-only Roller Derby league in Austin, Texas.

Ain't It Cool says this inspirational movie has "the kind of twists, drama, cat fights and compound fractures that only happen in real life."

Maybe that explains why roller derby is popular again. Sure, the action is wild and wooly and it has a punk rock attitude but its recent recognition has to do with the people and girl power.

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Music

The Resistance grows

New album from U.K.'s Muse tops charts in 15 countries

BRYAN BORZYKOWSKI
for Metro Canada

When Christopher Wolstenholme answers the phone, he's noticeably excited. Muse's bassist just found out that his group's new album, The Resistance, topped the charts in 15 countries, including Canada.

"This was totally unexpected," he says, still shocked by the news.

Hitting number one in so many places is a challenge for any band, but for Muse, whose epic blend of grand guitars and over-the-top electronics isn't the most mainstream stuff, it's been even more difficult.

Wolstenholme thinks that people finally understand the band. "A lot of people who listened to our past albums felt there was too much on them and they went in many different directions," he reveals. "But people know what they're getting now."

And what they're getting is even more outlandish this time around. While the album is mostly filled with complex keys, soaring Bono-like vocals and chugging riffs, the last three tracks are, literally, a symphony.

Titled Exogenesis, this three-part song collection sounds like a sci-fi symphony, complete with strings, piano and weird electro sounds. It's surprisingly infectious — lead singer Matthew Bellamy sounds like a cross between Roger Waters and Thom Yorke — and while it's definitely grand, it's not as bloated as you might think.

"Initially I was like, 'what is this,'" says Wolstenholme. "It wasn't until the end that I understood what we were doing. It was up to us to trust that Matt had a vision for it. But it turned out great — it's sometimes the stuff that's more challenging that works the best."

Part of the bassist's skepticism likely came from the fact that this wasn't a song meant for a band. Wolstenholme says that while they've used strings before, if you took the extra instruments away the tracks could always be played as a three-piece.

"A lot of people who listened to our past albums felt there was too much on them and they went in many different directions. But people know what they're getting now."
Christopher Wolstenholme

"It wasn't like that with the symphony," he explains. "The band is almost secondary — you can take us away and the song would still work."

Besides being ambitious with their music, the band's lyrics are some of the most intriguing of their career. Themes include political change, constitutional reform, and revolution. There's also a love story running through the disc.

The tracks aren't preachy, but Wolstenholme admits it's impossible not to be influenced by politics. "With 24 hour news channels, it's hard to avoid political images," he says. "But the way Matt played it this time was as an emotional response to political events rather than being political. On the last album the songs were more direct."

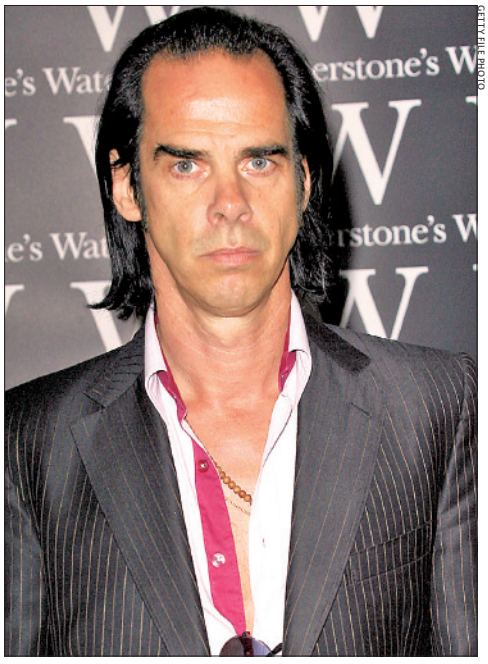
With their messages in tow, the band is about to embark on a lengthy tour that'll take them around the world. But now that they're topping charts all over the place it seems they'll have to add a few more places to their itinerary.

"I'm excited to go to Australia," he says. "The weather is great."

WARNER MUSIC PHOTO

The Resistance is the chart-topping new album from Muse.

Nick Cave and The Death of Bunny Munro



GETTY FILE PHOTO

The Death of Bunny Munro is a new novel by Nick Cave.

SoundCheck

Alan Cross

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Nick Cave sprawls out on the leather couch in my office in his bespoke Savile Row suit. Sans the moustache, he looks a lot less intimidating than I thought he would. I can relax a little.

Cave, the balladeer leader of the Birthday Party, the Bad Seeds and Grinderman, is also a prolific writer, having penned screenplays (including the rejected Gladitor II, which he wrote at the request of his friend, Russell Crowe), various essays and two novels. He's here to talk about the second one.

"(The Death of Bunny Munro) was a screenplay. John Hillcoat (Nick's director friend) wanted a small English film about a travelling salesman. So I went away with that and came back a couple of weeks later with a script — and it never got made. But I really loved the story, so I thought, 'Why not make it into a novel?'"

Bunny, our, er, hero, is a man of, um, appetites and, as Nick says, "pursues them with conviction." After his wife commits suicide whilst he's out philandering, Bunny plunges into even greater self-destruction while also trying to care for his nine-year-old son, the very brave Bunny Jr. Things do not go well. Everything is written in present tense to enhance Bunny's spiral towards his inevitable doom.

The story and its characters are profane and extremely funny (except maybe to Avril Lavigne; you'll have to read the book to understand why). The dialogue is something you might hear late at night from road-weary rock musicians on a tour bus. In fact, that's where much of the book was written, between shows on a Bad Seeds tour. The entire first chapter was written on an iPhone. Everything else was written in longhand.

"I gave up writing on a computer altogether because of the delete key because I would write a song that I thought it was good. The next day I'd be in a bad mood and just ... delete. I've lost so much that way."
Nick Cave

"The delete key is dangerous," Nick says, "I gave up writing on a computer altogether because of the delete key because I would write a song that I thought it was good. The next day I'd be in a bad mood and just ... delete. I've lost so much that way."

The book is also available as a fascinating iPhone app and a couple of audio books. The super-deluxe version not only features Nick reading the book but elaborate scoring and production. Listen to it on headphones in the dark and the 3-D effects are almost hallucinatory.

The Death of Bunny Munro (HarperCollins) is out now.

Hear Alan's full interview with Nick at ExploreMusic.com

The Ongoing History Of New Music can be heard on stations across Canada. Read more at ongoinghistory.com and exploremusic.com

Music

Indie rock reunion

You Say Party! We Say Die! overcome breakdown to record new album XXXX

BRYAN BORZYKOWSKI
for Metro Canada

It's not easy being an overworked Canadian indie band. Just ask You Say Party! We Say Die! whose members nearly came to blows on their last tour.

"One half of the camp was on one side of the street and the rest of us were on the other side," says the Vancouver-based band's lead singer Becky Ninkovic. "It took a day before the manager could even get us in the van together."

It all started to fall apart on week 14 of their 16-week European tour. Ninkovic got sick, and without any breaks in the schedule, she had to push herself night after night. "It led pretty much to a total breakdown," she says.

Part of the problem was that the band, who despite three well-received records was still just an independent act trying to make a name, took every opportunity to play. That led to a packed itinerary and a rock 'n' roll lifestyle that they couldn't keep up with.

"There's so much alcohol and drugs pushed on you," says Ninkovic. "You're sleep deprived, malnourished — you have to learn how to take care of yourself, but unfortunately some of those lessons can only be learned the hard way."

XXXX is the new album from indie act You Say Party! We Say Die!

You Say Party finished the tour, but when the band members got back to Canada they went their separate ways.

Ninkovic retreated to her house where, she says, she underwent a sort of rebirth. "I had to break away from the people I knew because I was feeling empty of love," she explains. "I came to place of brokenness and that's when the power came in. I had epiphany after epiphany that brought me to a place of love."

It turns out the whole band was going through something similar. So it's not surprising that when the group member did eventually reunite they created an album all about love. The title, XXXX, is Ninkovic's code word for love and warm feelings of connectedness find their way into much of the lyrics.

Despite the band's previous problems, the group sound more together than ever. The new disc is more focused and polished than other efforts, and while the infectious dance-punk has been toned down, it's still a catchy head-bobbing affair.

Ninkovic's vocals are also as strong as they've ever been thanks to a vocal coach who helped her retrain her pipes. "I worked with this amazing lady who really helped me go on a journey in finding a deeper place inside myself to sing from," she explains.

Now, with a new album, the grind starts again. However, don't expect another near-brawl between the band.

"We know there's a breaking point now," says Ninkovic. "And I don't think we'll ever be yes people in quite the same way again."

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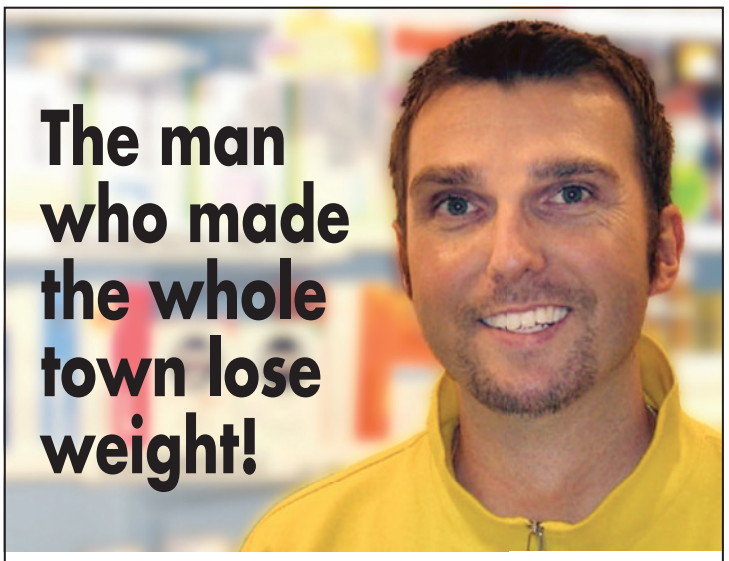

In the small town of Ålesund in Norway, people have been introduced to a secret about weight loss that made over 1500 of them lose weight. The man behind the secret is a health food storeowner, who discovered a new and innovative way of using mulberries.

A CUSTOMER ASKED FOR ADVICE

It all began a summer day in 2006 when a customer of Johnny Pettersen asked him for advice about how to eliminate sugar cravings; "I gave my customer a box of New Nordic's Mulberry leaf tablets, because mulberry is well known to lower your blood sugar after meals. When blood sugar is stable, sugar cravings disappear. It worked very well!"

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1500 CUSTOMERS LOST WEIGHT

After the success of the first customers, word traveled fast; "In the last 12 months I have worked with over 1500 customers in Ålesund and the surrounding area. Mulberry has been a tremendous success. Once my customers try the tablets they come back, often with friends and family, and buy 4-6 packages at a time – not just one. It is a great business, but even more rewarding because I see my customers coming back happy, healthy and slim", Johnny explains.

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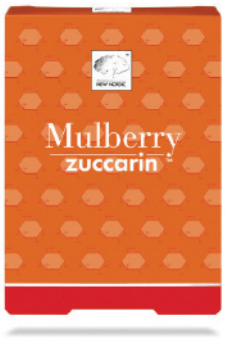

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Reiko on Damages
Former 24 heroine Reiko Aylesworth has booked a recurring role on Damages. The actress joins a Season 3 cast that also includes new series regulars Campbell Scott and Martin Short, as well as special guest stars Lily Tomlin and Keith Carradine. EW.COM

Curb your enthusiasm, it's not a real Seinfeld reunion

You know you want it. You may never have said out loud that you wanted a Seinfeld reunion but why would you, cool Seinfeld fan that you are? You know TV reunions are lame. You also know the Seinfeld gang is way too cool to stoop to doing one.

Watch it Sunday on HBO

But now, Larry David has reunited his four Seinfeld stars for a sassy story line on his current series, Curb Your Enthusiasm.

He has recaptured the twisted genius of the old show and reignited it, fresh and funny and safely removed from any danger of lameness.

The made-for-TV version of himself that he portrays on his HBO comedy (a cavilling provocateur named Larry David, who formerly produced a show called Seinfeld) sets the plan in motion for a Seinfeld reunion on Sunday's episode of Curb.

But not before resisting.

"Honestly, and I know I can speak for Jerry, too, I can tell you that neither of us ever gave a moment's thought to doing it for real."
Larry David

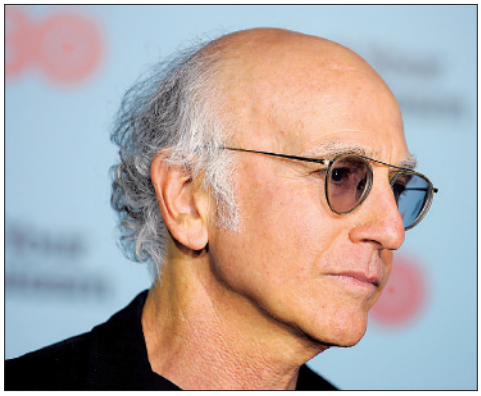
"You know those reunion shows, they're so lame," TV-Larry scoffs when the idea is first bought to him.

Then, befitting TV-Larry, when he eventually consents, it's not for any logical good reason.

His ulterior motive: To win back his estranged wife, Cheryl (Cheryl Hines). He means to cast her, a would-be actress, as the ex-wife of George Costanza (the character who, played by Jason Alexander, always served as David's Seinfeld doppelganger).

Granted, Pirandello would be easier to sort out than this double-helix of parody and truth. Doesn't matter. What matters is, this particular Curb — the third episode in its triumphant seventh season — is a compact masterpiece.

It finesses a hilarious clash between David and the Seinfeld foursome (Alexander, Michael Richards, Julia Louis-Dreyfus and, of course, Jerry Seinfeld), reconvened 11 years after the Seinfeld finale with hilarious, organic aplomb.


GETTY IMAGES
Larry David has reunited his Seinfeld stars for his new series.

"Why isn't it lame?" says TV-Jerry when TV-Larry coaxes him to say yes.

"Because we'll do it in a way that won't be lame," vows TV-Larry, flush with his covert Cheryl-targeted agenda.

And he does! They do! They mount a real reunion within a mock reunion. They wangle a way to have it both ways, for themselves and for the audience. How cool is that!

Larry and Company would never have done it under any other terms.

"Honestly, and I know I can speak for Jerry, too, I can tell you that neither of us ever gave a moment's thought to doing it for real," says David.

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Prosecutor says he lied in Polanski doc

COURTS A former prosecutor says he made up a story he told a film crew about advising a judge handling Roman Polanski's sex case to send the director to prison.

In Roman Polanski: Wanted and Desired, David F. Wells is depicted as conferring with a trial judge more than 30 years ago about Polanski's case. Wells said in the documentary that the judge took his advice in deciding to renege on a plea bargain and give Polanski additional prison time.

"I made that up to make the stuff look better," Wells said.

He also said he overstated his actions after being told the film would air in France, not the United States. The film aired on HBO.

Wells' statement on the documentary later became part of the basis for a move by Polanski's attorneys to dismiss the case against the fugitive director, who was arrested in Switzerland on Saturday.

In France, several government officials who had initially rushed to Polanski's defence were being more cautious on Thursday, stressing that the renowned filmmaker is not above the law.

Wells, who retired more than two years ago, did not handle Polanski's case but was assigned to the courtroom where it was heard and had frequent interactions with the now-deceased trial judge Laurence J. Rittenband.

"They interviewed me in the Malibu courthouse when I was still a DA, and I embellished a story," Wells said about the film crew in an interview with The Associated Press Wednesday. "I'm a guy who cuts to the chase — I lied. It embarrasses the hell of me."

Roman Polanski

Wells said he was sorry about making the comments for the documentary. "I cost the DA's office a lot of money and aggravation over this," Wells said.

Polanski was accused of plying a 13-year-old girl with champagne and part of a Quaalude during a modelling shoot in 1977 and raping her. He was initially indicted on six felony counts, including rape by use of drugs, child molesting and sodomy.

He pleaded guilty to the lesser charge of unlawful sexual intercourse; in exchange, the remaining charges were dropped, and the judge agreed to send Polanski to prison for a 90-day psychiatric evaluation.

But Polanski was released after 42 days and fled the country for France before sentencing after the judge reportedly told lawyers he planned to add more prison time.

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

More gay characters on network TV, not many lesbians, non-white gays

COURTS The Gay&Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation says the number of gay and bisexual characters on prime-time network TV is up slightly this season, to 18 out of a total of 600 roles.

According to the group, the increase over 2008 fell well short of the more than twofold percentage jump in the 2008 season compared to 2007.

The 14th annual "Where We Are on TV" report released Wednesday found that 3 per cent of actors appearing regularly on network drama and comedy series in the 2009-10 season will portray gay, lesbian or bisexual characters.

That's up from 2.6 per cent in the 2008-09 season. In 2007-08, it was 1.1 per cent.

Only four of the 18 characters this season are non-white, GLAAD found, and there is only one lesbian role, on ABC's "Grey's Anatomy."

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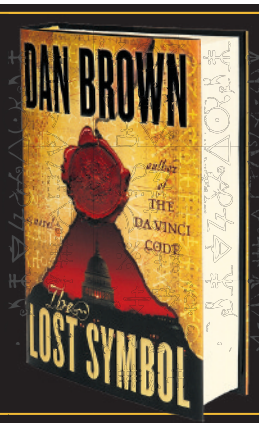

Reality spinoffs
The Real Housewives of New York City star Bethenny Frankel, Project Runway winner Christian Siriano and Top Chef's Fabio Viviani are all slated to star in new shows about their professional and personal lives, according to Variety. PEOPLE.COM

Television

He's a workaday kind of celebrity

Lou Diamond Phillips relishes his role in new Stargate

IAN JOHNSTON
for Metro Canada

Lou Diamond Phillips says he's happy to be called a "working actor."

"I take it as a compliment," says Phillips, 47, whose current project is Stargate Universe, the latest spinoff of the popular sci-fi institution.

"I see myself as an employable actor who's comfortable working in every facet of the industry. That said, I also have four kids who continue to eat every day."

Phillips' recent credits include the movie Che, a touring stage production of Camelot, and the reality series I'm A Celebrity, Get Me Out of Here.

The new Stargate series is about a group of soldiers and scientists who find themselves lost in space on board an alien ship. Phillips plays Col. Telford, a no-nonsense soldier who proves a nemesis for the rest of the cast.

Don't blink, though: Phillips appears only briefly in the pilot.

"I think they call it a recurring guest-star role. I kind of work my way into the show slowly over time," he says. "But I really love working with an ensemble like this. You can do great work in smaller doses. You still have time to have an actual life."

Phillips says his experience on I'm A Celebrity, Get Me Out of Here, for which he camped in a Costa Rican jungle with a group that included actor Stephen Baldwin and fashion fixture Janice Dickinson, was "as uncomfortable as it appeared."

Stargate premieres tonight on Space

"Some people assumed we'd go back to the hotel every night, but it wasn't true," he says. "It was jungle, 24-7. I still have the scars from the bug bites."

Diamond cherished the chance to work with Patrick Swayze on his final series, The Beast. Swayze died last month of pancreatic cancer. "He was a real accomplished actor and a real man among men," says Phillips.

Phillips appears in Stargate Universe in the recurring role of Col. Telford, who becomes a nemesis for the rest of the cast.

Heartland heartthrob is back in the saddle

IAN JOHNSTON
for Metro Canada

Graham Wardle

HORSEPLAY Playing hunky stable boy Ty on CBC's horsy drama Heartland has added a new element to Graham Wardle's career: fan mail. And it's not just the usual preteen girls who are crushing on the young actor.

"It's pretty wide-ranging," says Wardle, 23, in a break from filming the ranch-based series in Alberta.

"I get emails from fans in their 20s. The ones in their 40s send large envelopes so you can send them back photos. And the six-year-olds like to draw pictures and make bracelets for you. It's definitely a new part of my life."

Wardle's growing heartthrob status will get a boost in Heartland's third season, which begins Sunday. Ty's ongoing romance with Amy (Amber Marshall) will heat up. However, this being a family series, Ty will still spend most of his nights bunking alone in the barn.

"They'll be together and working on the relationship in this season," says Wardle. "But I'm not exactly sure what the writers have planned for them and how that whole sleeping-in-the-barn plays out."

A native of Mission, B.C., the actor says working with horses is really a matter of being prepared.

"The horses know what they are supposed to do. The actors just have to get it right in a couple of takes, or the horses get bored."

Wardle says he knew nothing about horses before taking on the role of Ty.

Fortunately, that unfamiliarity was just what the role called for.

"Ty was a city boy," he says. "So I got lucky. Unlike the other actors, I got to learn all about horses on camera."

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	575	583	20 CMT	Coyote Ugly	Coyote Ugly	Sessions	Sessions	One on	CMT Star	Coyote Ugly	Coyote Ugly	Star Crossed
	615	520	31 A&E	Criminal Minds (CC)		CSI: Miami "Dangerous Son"		Criminal Minds (CC)		Criminal Minds (CC)		Criminal
	521	560	34 TLC	Wedded to Perfection (CC)		Dress	Dress	Wedded to Perfection (CC)		Dress	Dress	What Not
	616	522	35 SHO	The Outer Limits (CC)		Howie Do It	Howie Do It	Kenny	Kenny	Trailer Park	Trailer Park	Found.
	294	650	47 TBS	(6:00) Rush Hour 2 ★★		(:10) The Fast and the Furious: Tokyo Drift ★★ (2006)				(:10) The Fast and the Furious: Tokyo Drift		
	603	561	52 FN	Diners	Diners	Ramsay's Kitchen		Unwrapped	Unwrapped	Bobby Flay	Bobby Flay	Diners
	-	-	53 AMC	Field-Dreams	For Love of the Game ★★ (1999, Drama) Kevin Costner, Kelly Preston. (CC)					The Flesh Eaters ★★ (CC)		
	320	621	60 CEN	(5:55) The Reader ★★★		Milk ★★★★ (2008, Biography) Sean Penn. Premiere. (CC)				(:10) The Times of Harvey Milk ★★★		
	581	566	101 MTV	The Hills	After	Cribs (CC)	Cribs (CC)	Cribs (CC)	OverBolts	The Hills	After	Made (CC)

SATURDAY 10/3/09

VA	Vu	SC	C	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00
primetime	251	308	3 CBC	NHL Hockey Calgary Flames at Edmonton Oilers. (Live) (CC)					HNIC: After Hours		News	HNIC Replay
	250	321	9 CTV	W-FIVE "Kulisek" (CC)		CSI: NY (CC)		Criminal Minds (CC)		Law & Order: SVU		CTV News
	252	336	11 GTV	renegade	Jane Show	Project Runway Canada		Movie				News Final
	256	389	12 VI	New Canoe	Island Week	Kool Countdown (CC)		The Road to Avonlea		Whistler "End Game"		Bravo! Fact
	253	359	13 CITY	Trauma "Pilot" (CC)		Glenn Martin	Out There	Bag the Wolf (2009, Suspense) Jennifer Dale. (CC) (DVS)				Amazing
	-	-	14 CW	The Office	The Office	Smash Cuts	Smash Cuts	The Hills	The Hills	CSI: NY "All Access" (CC)		CSI: Miami
	289	381	15 CBS	Entertainment Tonight (N)		CSI: NY (CC)		Criminal Minds (CC)		48 Hours Mystery (N) (CC)		News
	287	379	16 NBC	Backroads	Inside Edition	Law & Order (CC)		Trauma "Pilot" (CC)		Law & Order: SVU		KING 5 News
	288	380	21 ABC	(5:00) College Football (Live)			NASCAR	Fortune	Jeopardy!	The Brian McKnight Show		News
	290	382	23 FOX	Two Men	Two Men	Cops (N) (PA)	Cops (CC)	America's Most Wanted		News	Most Wanted	Talkshow
news	502	390	29 NW	Mr. & Mrs. bin Laden (CC)		National	At Issue	National	Mansbridge	Mr. & Mrs. bin Laden (CC)		National
	500	500	33 CNN	Newsroom		Campbell Brown		Larry King Live		Newsroom		Newsroom
family sports	407	419	22 RSP	Sportsnet	MLB Baseball Colorado Rockies at Los Angeles Dodgers.					Sportsnet Connected (Live)		Poker
	400	400	30 TSN	SportsCentre (Live) (CC)			WEC WrekCage (CC)		Planet Speed	Formula One Racing Japanese Grand Prix.		
	552	543	25 YTV	Prank Patrol	Prank Patrol	Funniest Home Videos		Smallville (CC)		Survive This	Ghost	Adrenaline
cable variety	555	545	50 TEL	Scooby-Doo! The Mystery Begins (2009) Robbie Amell.				Futurama	King of Hill	Chicken	Venture Bros.	Moral Orel (N)
	268	354	5 KNO	National Geographic		Heartbeat (CC)		Midsomer Murders "Death and Dust" (CC)				Jazz
	575	583	20 CMT	Michael ★★★ (1996) John Travolta. Tabloid employees discover an unkempt angel.						Michael ★★★ (1996) John Travolta.		
	615	520	31 A&E	CSI: Miami (CC)		CSI: Miami "Inside Out"		Criminal Minds (CC)		Criminal Minds (CC)		CSI: Miami
	521	560	34 TLC	Lottery Changed My Life		Lottery Changed My Life		Lottery Changed My Life		Lottery Changed My Life		Lottery-Life
	616	522	35 SHO	The Guard "Zero Footprint"		Disaster Zone: Volcano in New York (2006, Action) (CC)				50 First Dates ★★ (2004) Adam Sandler.		
	294	650	47 TBS	(6:00) The Longest Yard		(:10) The Replacements ★★ (2000) Keanu Reeves, Gene Hackman. (CC)				(:40) Rudy ★★★ (1993)		
	603	561	52 FN	Top Chef: Las Vegas (CC)		Hell's Kitchen (CC)		Thanksgiving Desserts		Chopped Duck appetizers.		Top Chef
	-	-	53 AMC	Major League	The Rookie ★★★ (2002, Drama) Dennis Quaid, Rachel Griffiths, Jay Hernandez. (CC)					Major League ★★ (1989)		
	320	621	60 CEN	(6:05) Fool's Gold ★ (2008)		My Best Friend's Girl ★ (2008) Dane Cook.		(:45) Into the Wild ★★★ (2007) Emile Hirsch. (CC)				
	581	566	101 MTV	Cribs (CC)	Cribs (CC)	Cribs (CC)	Cribs (CC)	After	After	After	After	Cribs (CC)

SUNDAY 10/4/09

VA	Vu	SC	C	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00
primetime	251	308	3 CBC	Heartland "Miracle"		Battle of the Blades (Series Premiere) (N)			Ron James	CBC News: The National (N)		News
	250	321	9 CTV	Degrassi	Degrassi	The Amazing Race 15 (N)		Desperate Housewives (N)		Cold Case "Hoodrats" (N)		CTV News
	252	336	11 GTV	16:9 Picture	Prod. Parker	Simpsons	Cleveland Sh	Family Guy	Amer Dad	(:01) Brothers & Sisters (N)		News Final
	256	389	12 VI	TMZ (N) (CC)		Blades of Glory ★★★ (2007) Will Ferrell, Jon Heder. (CC)				Spectacle: Elvis		New Canoe
	253	359	13 CITY	Survivorman (CC)		Extreme Makeover: Home		My RONA Home (CC)		Conviction Kitchen (CC)		Amazing
	-	-	14 CW	Boston Legal "Hired Guns"		CSI: Miami (CC)		CSI: NY "Stealing Home"		Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Frasier (CC)
	289	381	15 CBS	60 Minutes (N) (CC)		The Amazing Race 15 (N)		Three Rivers "Place of Life"		Cold Case "Hoodrats" (N)		News
	287	379	16 NBC	NFL Football: Chargers at Steelers			The Jim Mora	Dateline NBC (CC)		Law & Order: SVU		KING 5 News
	288	380	21 ABC	Funniest Home Videos		Extreme Makeover: Home		Desperate Housewives (N)		(:01) Brothers & Sisters (N)		News
	290	382	23 FOX	'Til Death	Brothers	Simpsons	Cleveland Sh	Family Guy	Amer Dad	News	Sports	House (CC)
news	502	390	29 NW	(6:30) Sicko ★★★ (2007, Documentary) (CC)				National		Sicko ★★★ (2007, Documentary) (CC)		
	500	500	33 CNN	Newsroom		State of the Union		Larry King Live		State of the Union		Union
family sports	407	419	22 RSP	Base	Air Racing		MMA Conn	The Ultimate Fighter		Sportsnet Connected (Live)		Sportsnet
	400	400	30 TSN	NFL Football: Chargers at Steelers				SportsCentre (Live) (CC)		2009 World Series of Poker	NFL Films	SportsCentre
	552	543	25 YTV	SpongeBob SquarePants		SpongeBob	H2O Just	In Real Life "E.R." (CC)		Survive This	Ghost	Adrenaline
cable variety	555	545	50 TEL	Stoked	Total Drama	Majority	6TEEN	Futurama	King of Hill	Bromwell	Life's a Zoo	John
	268	354	5 KNO	National Geographic (CC)		Inspector Morse "The Way Through the Woods" (CC)				New Tricks (CC)		Jazz
	575	583	20 CMT	Cheer Moms	Cheer Moms	Tuckerville	Tuckerville	Funniest Home Videos		Wilsons	Wilsons	Cheer Moms
	615	520	31 A&E	Criminal Minds "Lucky"		CSI: Miami (CC)		Criminal Minds (CC)		Criminal Minds "Identity"		Criminal
	521	560	34 TLC	Truth Be Told (CC)		Hoarders: Buried Alive		My Monkey Baby (CC)		Truth Be Told (CC)		Truth Be Told
	616	522	35 SHO	ReGenesis (CC)		Termination Point (2007, Suspense) Jason Priestley. (CC)				Weeds (N)	Found.	Kenny
	294	650	47 TBS	(:15) Wedding Crashers ★★★ (2005) Owen Wilson, Vince Vaughn. (CC)						(:45) Without a Paddle: Nature's Calling (2009) (CC)		
	603	561	52 FN	Dinner: Impossible (CC)		Restaurant Makeover (CC)		Get on Plate	Food	Iron Chef America (CC)		Dinner
	-	-	53 AMC	Mad Men "Souvenir" (N)		(:02) Mad Men "Souvenir"		(:03) Breaking Bad (CC)		Mad Men "Souvenir" (CC)		Bone Clctr
	320	621	60 CEN	(:05) The Incredible Hulk ★★★ (2008) Edward Norton.				Dexter (N) (CC)		Pathology ★★ (2008) Milo Ventimiglia.		
	581	566	101 MTV	OverBolts	Pranked	Cribs (CC)	Cribs (CC)	Fantasy Fact.	Beatdown	OverBolts	Pranked	MTV News

Abrams up for bidding

J.J. Abrams' next adventure/action series is starting a bidding war at ABC, NBC and CBS, Variety reports. The Alias creator is working with Felicity writer Josh Reims to write the hour-long spy thriller. EW.COM

Metro's 7th Heaven: Metro taps what's hot right now

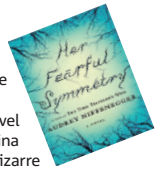
1 Drake

MUSICIAN If chart rankings and celeb endorsements are any indicators, the Degrassi: The Next Generation alumnus is the new king of Canadian hip hop. The Toronto native's EP So Far Gone hit the sixth spot on Billboard Hot 100 last week. Previously, he had a No. 2 hit with the single Best I Ever Had. All with a little help from the likes of Lil Wayne and Kanye West.

2 Capitalism: A Love Story

FILM Call him what you will — commie, hypocrite, carpetbagger — but there's no denying that Michael Moore sure knows how to get your blood boiling, no matter which side of the fence you are on. This time, the filmmaker trains his camera on the American Dream and the culture of greed that fuelled the Wall Street crash-and-burn. That can only bode well for the box-office economy.

3 Her Fearful Symmetry: Audrey Niffenegge



BOOK The author of the mega-successful The Time Traveler's Wife returns to haunt the bestseller charts with this gothic romance. The new novel revolves around twin sisters Julia and Valentina who inherit a London property peopled by bizarre characters. There are many macabre delights here, including body-snatching and soul-swapping.

4 Halo 3: Odst

VIDEO GAME So you thought you were the Master Chief? In the latest addition to the revered franchise, Microsoft Game Studies dumps the enhanced human supersoldier in favour of a regular trooper called The Rookie. Time to get your gaming thumb into shape.

5 Battle of the Blades

TV Former NHL bogeymen don the skates and pair up with figure skaters to take a crack at axel jumps and death spirals in the reality series. Hockey Night in Canada loudmouth Don Cherry will be among the celebrity judges. Premieres Sunday night on CBC.

6 Disneyland/Walt Disney World

TRAVEL If you have been a Good Samaritan even for a day, you may have a chance to meet Mickey Mouse — for free. Disney is offering a free day's admission to one million certified volunteers next year. The "Give a Day, Get a Disney Day" program will provide certified volunteers with a one-day ticket to any park at Disneyland in Anaheim, Calif., or Walt Disney World near Orlando, Fla., in 2010.

7 Anvil: The story of Anvil

DVD Two Toronto teens form a metal band, tour with some of the genre's biggest names and then land straight into obscurity. Only they don't give up their dream of hitting the big time, despite the greying hairs. What sounds like just another music documentary is probably one of the best things you'll rent this year.

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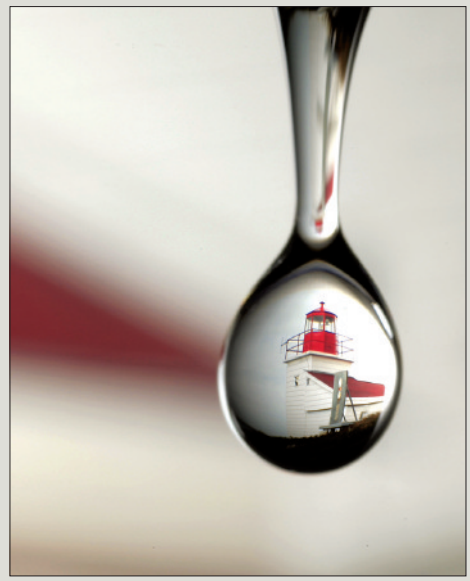
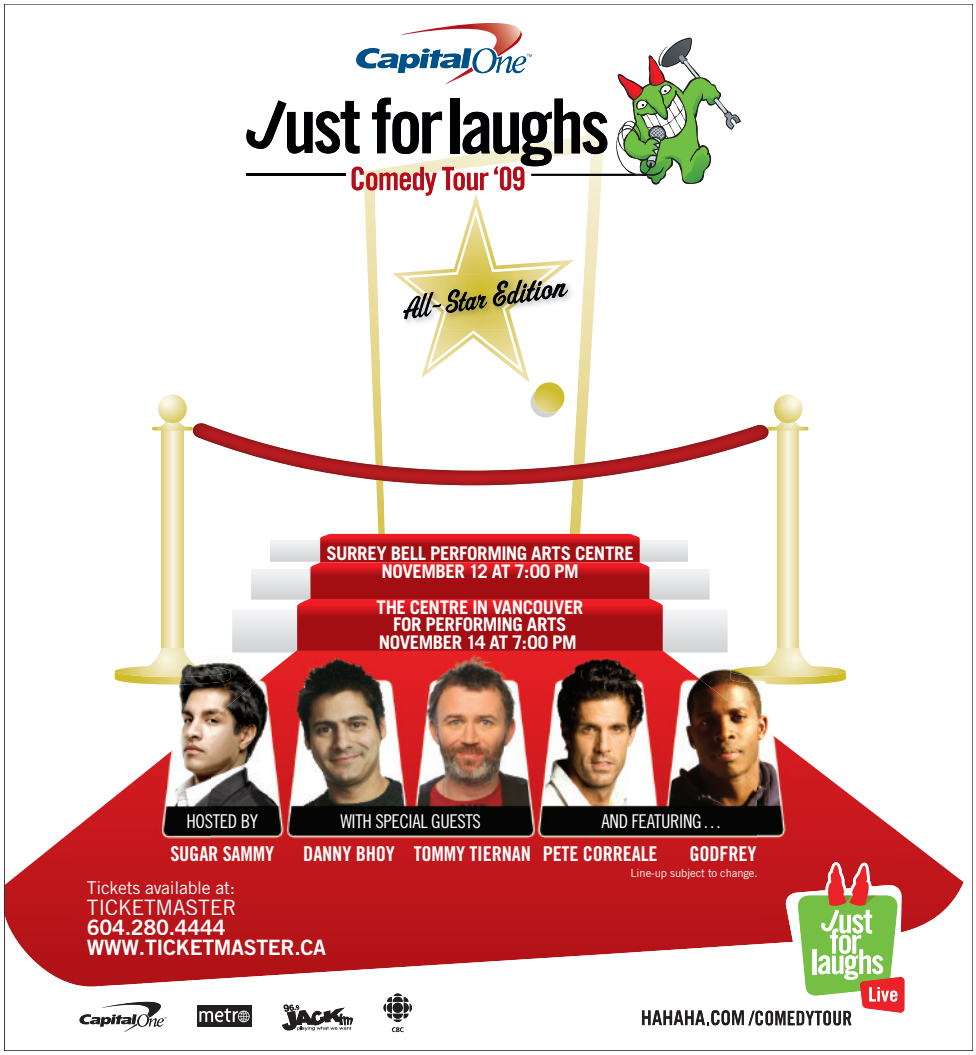


Lighthouse Water Drop: A Nova Scotia lighthouse is reflected in a drop of water.



Flav goes to school
Flavor Flav is ready to go back to school, The Hollywood Reporter reveals. The rapper/reality star is working with producer Eric Ortner to develop a series in which he returns to high school to get his diploma. EW.COM

Going Out

Mix of Six

Bryan Adams
When: Friday
Where: Orpheum Theatre
Canadian pop-rock icon returns to Vancouver to play songs from his latest album, 11.Tix: $49.50-$115. Info: livenation.com.

B.C. Fashion Week
When: Friday & Saturday
Where: Chinese Cultural Centre
Local established and up-and-coming fashion designers showcase their collections for spring 2010. Info: bcfashionweek.com.

Vancouver International Film Festival
When: Opening Weekend
Where: Various venues
More than 370 films will be screened until Oct. 16, including Heath Ledger's last film, The Imaginarium of Doctor Parnassus.

Vancouver Chinese Cultural Festival
When: Friday to Sunday
Where: Plaza of Nations
Inaugural festival celebrates the 60th anniversary of China's national day. Includes a book fair, mooncake festival, markets and more. Info: vccf.net.

Black Comedy
When: Opening weekend
Where: Stanley Industrial Alliance Stage
An artist wants to impress his fiancée's visiting father, so he dim-wittedly breaks into a neighbour's flat and "borrows" the fancy furniture. Info: artsclub.com.

Deadmau5
When: Friday
Where: UBC Thunderbird Arena
House and electro house artist spins alongside guests Timeline and Burns UK. Tix: $45-$65, ticketmaster.ca.

MJ was fairly healthy: Autopsy

Michael Jackson's arms were covered with punctures, his face and neck were scarred and he had tattooed eyebrows and lips, but he wasn't the sickly skeleton of a man portrayed by tabloids, according to his autopsy report obtained by The Associated Press.

In fact, the Los Angeles County coroner's report shows Jackson was a fairly healthy 50-year-old before he died of an overdose. His 136 pounds were in the acceptable range for a 5-foot-9 man. His heart was strong with no sign of plaque buildup. And his kidneys and most other major organs were normal.

Still, Jackson had health issues: arthritis in the lower spine and some fingers, and mild plaque buildup in his leg arteries. Most serious was his lungs, which the autopsy report said were chronically inflamed and had reduced capacity that might have left him short of breath.

However, according to the document, the lung condition was not serious enough to be a direct or contributing cause of death.

Jackson

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Milano not pregnant

Alyssa Milano has dismissed reports she's pregnant with her first child — just weeks after marrying agent David Bugliari. "Rumours that I am pregnant are still false and still annoying," she tweeted. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Celebrity Buzz

No more husbands for Madonna

NOT THE MARRYING KIND Madonna wants to put all the rumors about her planning to marry Jesus Luz to rest. She stopped by David Letterman's talk show, where she explained her previous marriage to Guy Ritchie by pointing out it was "the Bush years … a good time to be out of America." When pressed about any future nuptials, Madonna was clear. "I think I'd rather get run over by a train," she said.

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Celebrity tweets

Kristy Alley doesn't like speculation about her weight, Russell Brand questions local customs while on vacation and Fred Durst checks in on his future.

- @kirstiealley I SWEAR TO GOD...as if 228 wasn't bad enough at my highest, I have to put up with yahoos adding 40 more!!! Lassie, get Timmy, I need help
- @rustyrockets I'm in Thailand is wrong to ride an elephant? From an animal rights perspective?Or to pull it's tail?Or have sex with it? It's a moral maze.
- @freddurst Seeing a psychic this morning... I'm nervous. I mean how can they be so spot on? Interesting.

'A dangerous game'

EXTORTION CASE A lawyer for John Travolta testified Thursday that he warned a former Bahamas senator she would not get away with an alleged scheme to extort $25 million from the movie star.

Attorney Michael McDermott said the defendant, Pleasant Bridgewater, contacted him by telephone and demanded the money on behalf of a paramedic who had treated the actor's 16-year-old son, Jett, following a seizure that led to his death.

The pair allegedly threatened to go to the media with a consent form that the actor signed to have his autistic son taken to an airport and flown to the U.S. for treatment. Travolta later changed his mind and Jett died at a local hospital Jan. 2.

McDermott said he told Bridgewater during the Jan. 12 phone conversation that she was committing a crime.

"I then told her: 'You are playing a very dangerous game, lady. I do not assent to your demands. I will go to the police,'" McDermott said.

Bridgewater and the paramedic, Tarino Lightbourne, have pleaded not guilty to extortion charges at the trial that began Sept. 21.

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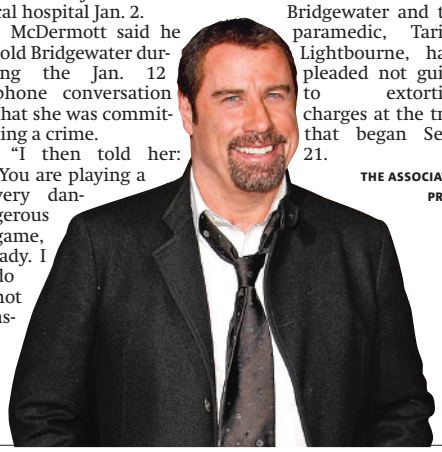

Engagement off

GIVE THE RING BACK Rose McGowan has broken off her engagement — again, femalefirst.co.uk reports.

The former Charmed star has split from director Robert Rodriguez for the second time since they got engaged in October 2007.

They have yet to release a statement explaining the reason for the break-up. The pair met in 2007 when the 36-year-old actress starred in Rodriguez's film Planet Terror.

After a whirlwind romance, Rodriguez divorced his wife of 16 years and proposed to McGowan. The pair split less than one year later, only to reconcile after a few months apart.

They were reportedly planning to wed this year.

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Watson can't shake press

THIS IS THE IVY LEAGUE Harry Potter star Emma Watson isn't having the easiest time adjusting to college life in the U.S. And obnoxious Harvard students aren't helping.

Watson recently travelled to Boston for a football game between Harvard and her Brown University, only to have her visit chronicled by student publication the Harvard Voice that had promised to "stalk" the actress, posting Twitter updates and photos online, according to Page Six.

Watson ended up attending the game flanked by security.

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Jon&Kate filming ceased

KATE PLUS NO ONE TLC network has shut down filming of the children on Jon&Kate Plus 8 after receiving a cease-and-desist order from their father, Jon Gosselin.

In a statement, the network said production would remain suspended "pending further conversations" between both Gosselins, who are parents of young twins and sextuplets. Filming not directly involving the kids continues, TLC said Thursday.

The Insider website reported Thursday that Gosselin demanded through his lawyers that the TLC production crew vacate the property of the family home in Pennsylvania.

In its statement, TLC said it remained "deeply disappointed at his continued erratic behaviour. He and the family were shooting as recently as last Friday, without incident…"

"Despite Jon Gosselin's repeated self-destructive and unprofessional actions, he remains under an exclusive contract with TLC," the network said. Gosselin's lawyer, Mark Jay Heller, did not immediately return calls to The Associated Press.

The Gosselins filed for divorce in June, after weeks of reports of marital discord. On Monday, TLC announced that the weekly series would be renamed Kate Plus Eight, with a reduced involvement by Jon Gosselin.

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Winehouse's love messages

FACEBOOK CONFESSIONS Divorce doesn't seem to be stopping Amy Winehouse and Blake Fielder-Civil from expressing their love for each other — over Facebook.

The troubled singer sent her ex-husband a message recently reminiscing about old times and saying she loved him, according to the Sun. Fielder-Civil replied in kind, then in a separate message announced he'll be appearing on British cooking show Celebrity Come Dine With Me.

Apparently this was news to the show's producers, who tell the newspaper, "It would be a great story, but I'm afraid he isn't lined up to do the show."

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Carter comments taken out of context

UM... WHAT I MEANT Aaron Carter says his comments about not wanting to date Dancing With the Stars partner Karina Smirnoff were taken out of context, usmagazine.com reports.

While chatting with 104.3 MY FM's Valentine in the Morning on Monday, Carter, 21, said he would not want "to be in that category" of men who have romanced Smirnoff, 30. "I'm sorry, but I'm not that guy," he said. "I don't got that kind of time."

But Carter tells usmagazine.com he has "the utmost respect" for Smirnoff, who recently called off her engagement to Makism Chmerkovskiy. He says he was only trying to be "professional" by saying he's not "trying to hook up" with anyone on the show.

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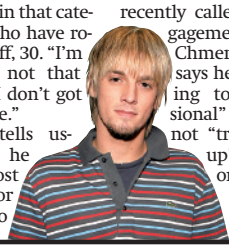

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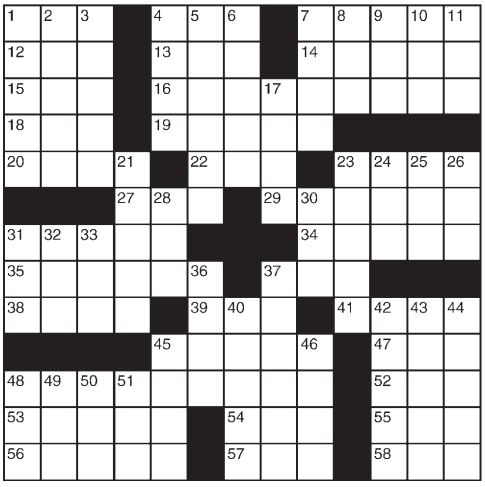

ACROSS

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4 Hot tub
7 Kin of "Presto!"
12 Basinger or Cattrall
13 Slithery swimmer
14 Frequently
15 "Born in the —"
16 Fertilizer
18 Yule fuel
19 Field goal score
20 Recognize
22 Parisian pal
23 Sported
27 Resistance measure
29 South American plains
31 Arcade game name
34 Put into office
35 Sociable
37 Snitch
38 Lids
39 Ostrich's kin
41 Go really fast
45 Playground fixture
47 Weep
48 Embarrassing landing, maybe
52 Chapeau
53 Palatal dangler
54 Chaps
55 Biblical verb suffix
56 Indigent
57 Savings plan acronym
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2 Footballer Andre, dubbed "Bad Moon"
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4 Calendar abbr.
5 "The Taking of — 1 2 3"
6 Klaxon
7 November responsibility
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9 Judge Lance
10 Writer Buscaglia
11 Moreover
17 Simon or Diamond
21 Everything, at a hot dog stand
23 Welk specialty
24 Inseparable
25 Sinbad's flier
26 "Guinness Book" suffix
28 Part of H.M.S.
30 Meadow
31 Sternward
32 Excessively
33 Jungfrau, for one
36 Scream
37 Comedian Rita
40 Florida city
42 Yellowish-brown shade
43 Deliver a speech
44 Legends
45 Fix, in a sense
46 Sicilian spouter
48 Enjoyment
49 St. crosser
50 Poolroom prop
51 Bygone times, once

Sudoku

For more/less challenging Sudoku puzzles, visit metronews.ca

HOW TO PLAY: Digits 1 through 9 will appear once in each zone – one zone is an outlined 3x3 grid within the larger puzzle grid. There are nine zones in the puzzle. Do not enter a digit into a box if it already appears elsewhere in the same zone, row across or column down the entire puzzle.

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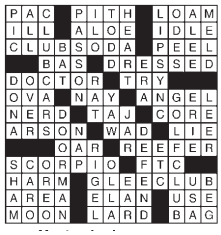

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Metro Recipe of the Day

Seasoned Salmon Steaks

INGREDIENTS:
6 salmon steaks (1 in./2.5 cm thick)
1/2 cup (125 ml) butter, melted
2 tsp (10 ml) seasoned salt
2 tsp (10 ml) Italian seasoning
2 tsp (10 ml) lemon juice
1/2 tsp (2 ml) garlic powder
1/2 tsp (2 ml) grated lemon peel
Dash cayenne pepper

METHOD:
1. Place salmon on greased broiler rack. Broil 4-6 in. from heat 8-10 minutes.
2. Meanwhile, combine remaining ingredients. Brush some over some over salmon. Turn and broil 10 minutes longer or until fish flakes easily with fork. Baste with remaining butter mixture.

SERVES 6

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ARIES ♈
MARCH 21-APRIL 20
Whatever you do today, someone will complain about it, but now you know that you won't let it get to you. Focus on what you are doing.

TAURUS ♉
APRIL 21-MAY 21
You may have a To Do list as long as your arm but you can safely forget about it for the next few days.

GEMINI ♊
MAY 22-JUNE 21
If there is something you need to tell other people, something you find a bit embarrassing, get it off your chest now.

CANCER ♋
JUNE 22-JULY 22
Others may frown at your behaviour, but only because they are jealous that you don't let social conventions hold you back from having a good time.

LEO ♌
JULY 23-AUG 23
You may suffer a momentary loss of confidence today but according to the planets there is nothing to fear, so expect the weekend to be better.

VIRGO ♍
AUG 24-SEPT 22
Something seems to be causing you sleepless nights at the moment but whatever it is, it won't bug you for long.

LIBRA ♎
SEPT 23-OCT 23
The Sun in your sign enhances your energy and highlights your ambition, so get out there and show the world what you can do.

SCORPIO ♏
OCT 24-NOV 22
If certain individuals want to feel sorry for themselves that's up to them, but they shouldn't expect you to join in their misery.

SAGITTARIUS ♐
NOV 23-DEC 21
Dreams and wishes often come true and what you are dreaming of and wishing for today could easily be your reality tomorrow.

CAPRICORN ♑
DEC 22-JAN 20
Like everyone else you have failed at some time and one particular failure is weighing heavily on your mind at the moment.

AQUARIUS ♒
JAN 21-FEB 18
The Sun in Libra is doing much to cheer you up but Neptune in your own sign is again undermining your confidence.

PISCES ♓
FEB 19-MARCH 20
Cosmic activity in some of the more sensitive areas of your chart make life seem tougher than it really is. Remember: Laughter is the best medicine.

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